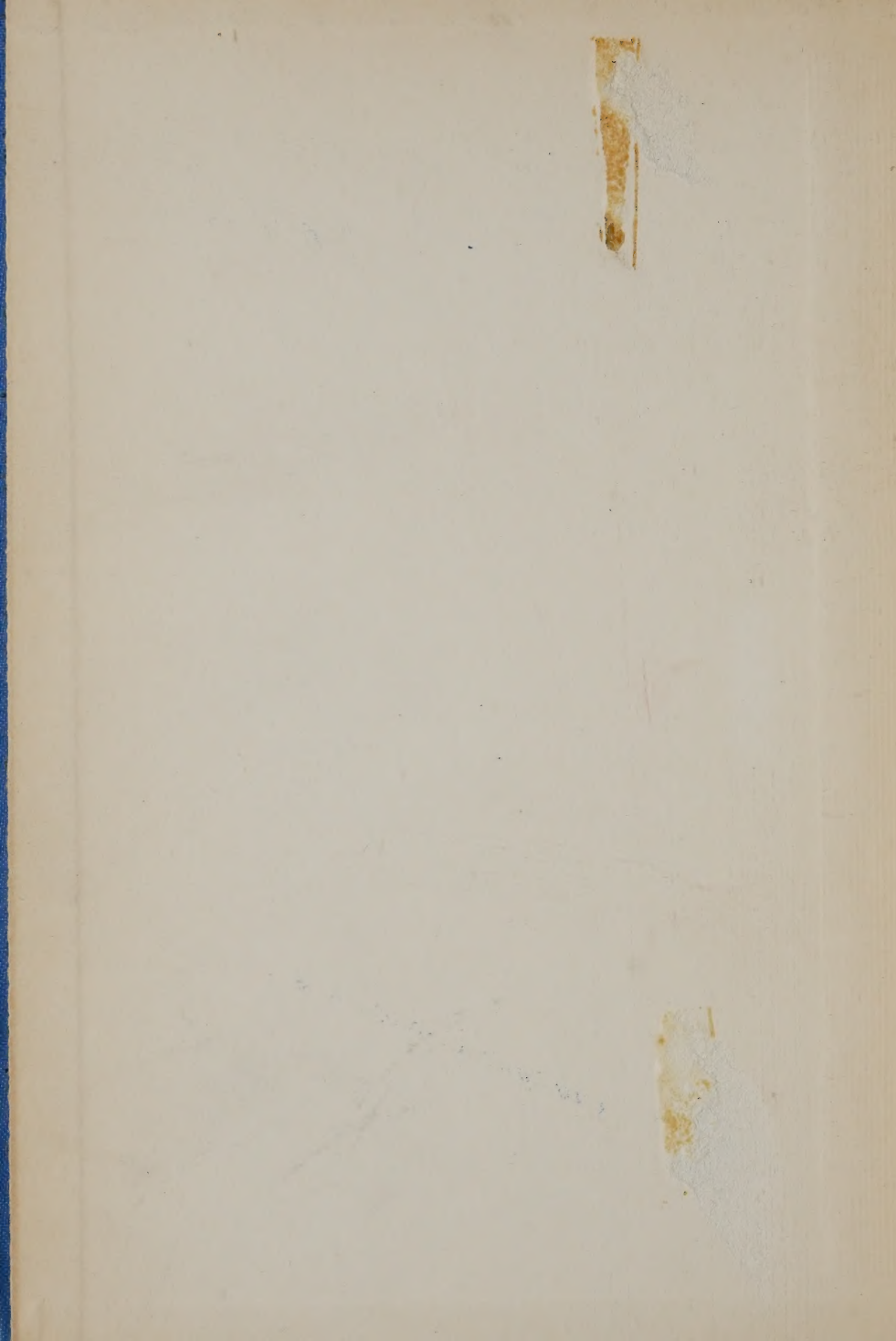


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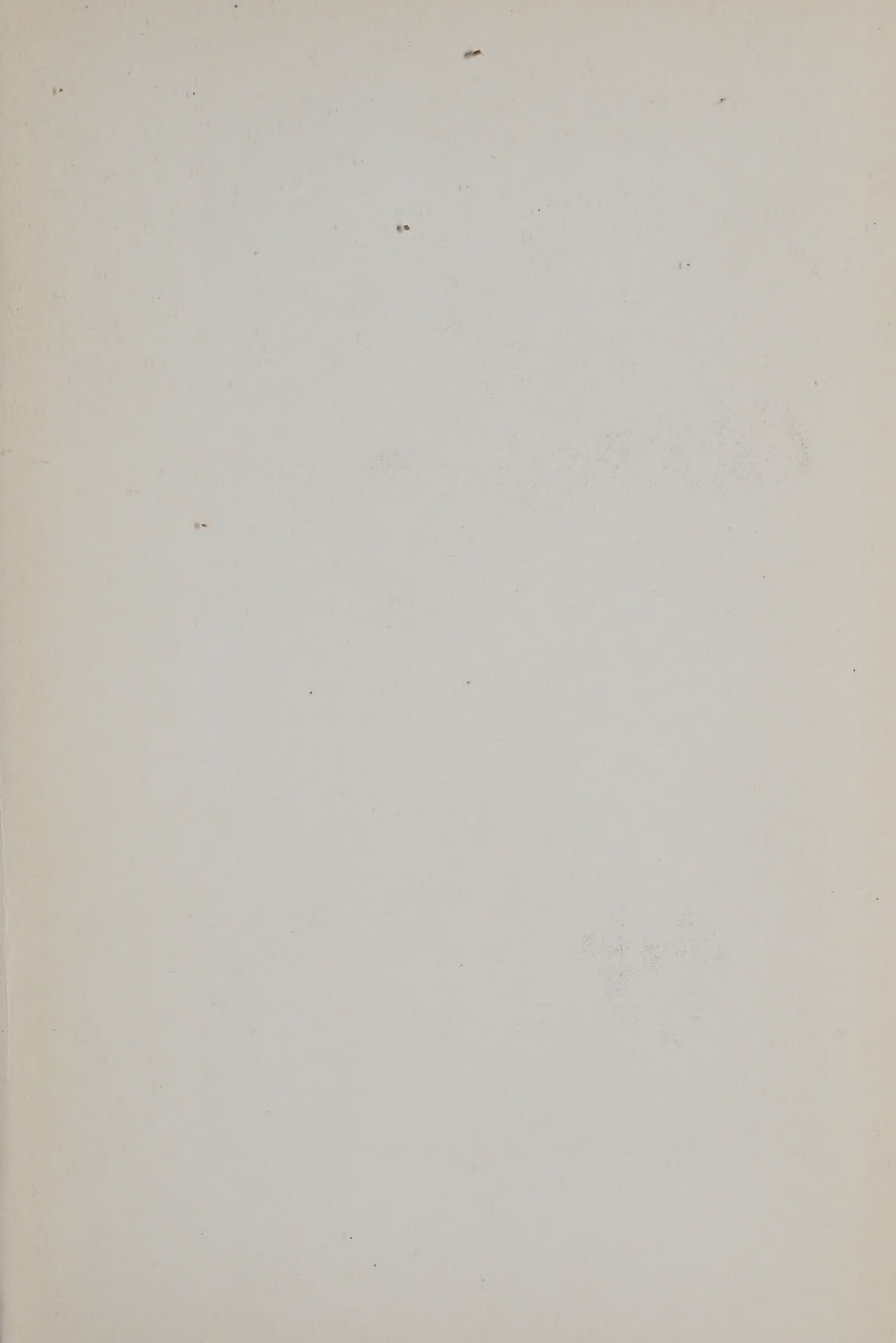
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In the great history of the land,
A noble type of Good, Heroic Womanhood."*

---Longfellow.

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DEDICATION

To those great pioneer women of more than one hundred years ago in Indiana—educators, wives, mothers, social leaders—who created the first “female society” within our state,—

To those daughters of pioneer mothers who some fifty years later, having helped to organize the General Federation of Women's Clubs, founded then in Indiana three months later, the first state organization of clubs,—

We dedicate this volume, with true appreciation, and with the hope that somewhat of their vision, their faith, their courage and their industry may long remain with us, daughters of their daughters' daughters.

“As one lamp lights another nor grows less, so nobleness enkindles nobleness.”

FOREWORD

"He who does not fully appreciate the importance of events which have gone before, will never place proper value upon the work which he himself is doing today,"—said Gibbon, the great English historian.

Important indeed were those early beginnings which led to the birth of the woman's club movement in Indiana!

While still possible to obtain accurate information concerning the story of our early activities as club women, while still possible to obtain the story of later developments from the pen of those women who had personal part in making them, it has been our aim to obtain that full story and through publication of this volume, make that information easily accessible to all club women of the state. It is our hope that through this story herein set forth we may find permanent answer to that oft repeated question—"Why federate?"

To Mrs. Horace F. Campbell we believe must go credit for having begun the compilation of our historical data. While recording secretary, 1923-24, she made a complete collection of the Year Books for the federation beginning with the first year book of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs. This was the beginning of the accumulation of historical data for our historian's files.

To Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, past president, must go the distinction of having compiled and published in brief form, the first story of the woman's club movement in Indiana, in the Historical Edition, July-August 1927, of the Indiana Club Woman Magazine.

Just ten years later, with the presentation of this volume we have endeavored to bring the complete story up to the close of the Forty-ninth Annual Convention, which closed the forty-eighth year of our state organization of clubs in Indiana.

To Grace Gates Courtney, past second vice-president and past trustee of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, who has worked so faithfully in compiling this book we owe a great debt of gratitude and appreciation.

As we read this story of woman's activities in the realm of club life in Indiana may we place true values upon that which went before, upon that which we are doing today, and upon that which our great future holds for the club woman of tomorrow.

ARCADA STARK BALZ

(Mrs. Frederick G. Balz)

President, Indiana Federation of Clubs, 1935-37.

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Summary.

ITALY, containing a population of millions more, has but six newspapers. The *Journal of the Two Sicilies* is published at Naples. The other are—the *Piedmontese Gazette*, published tri-weekly in Turin, at \$3 a year, which has about 330 subscribers; one at Genoa, at \$4 a year, having about 400 subscribers; one at Milan, capital of the kingdom of Lombardy; one at Florence, capital of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany; and one at Rome, capital of the States of Rome. The most important information which these Journals contain, are the decrees of death, imprisonment, banishment, or pardon of some unfortunate parties; the examination is exclusively occupied with insignificant accounts, such as court ceremonies, bulletins of their majesties' health, and of their hunting excursions and other pleasures.

Proposals have been put forth at Rome, by the publisher, who is invested with "Pontifical privilege," for publishing translations of Cobden's Lectures upon two contending religions; in which letters, says the *Journalist*, the writer undertakes "to demonstrate, by way of argument, and by induction of facts, the dismal effects resulting to England, from what is called the Reformation." All things considered, it might be fairly presumed that greater benefits to his heliotes' opinions might accrue from venions and apothecaries. Mr. Cobden's writings are so unimpeachable, that the forth-coming translation is to be printed at the Propaganda Press: The Traveller thinks the Pope will bestow the next Cardinal's hat upon Cobden, for his pious efforts.

Pope Leo XII. has promoted the Catholic Priest at Genoa, with the bones of a saint named Nemossos, and to have lived 1,040 years ago, that is to say, at the time of the first Council at Nice. These relics, which have remained at Rome so many hundred years, have been brought to Genoa, where a chapel erected in honor of this saint was recently dedicated. This ceremony has been performed with a great display of pomp. All the Orders of the Canton, and the curators, to the number of above sixty, assembled in the church, and the Bishop of Pisa came to Genoa, with his two Grand Vicars to assist on the occasion. The intelligence from China states that the *cholora morbus*, which had made great ravages there, had ceased with the commencement of the harvest. The excessive heats which had prevailed in Europe, and in this country, have extended to China. Great earthquakes prevail in consequence of excessive failures among the Chinese merchants, 30 houses having stopped payment in the town of Su Chu Di-chew. The Russian mission is not to be favored by the Chinese government, and the Archimandrite is about to build a chapel in the Monastery of the Assumption.

In Great Britain, the grand project of establishing a line of Steam Boats, to run from Valentia, a port in Ireland, to Halifax and New-York, and to the West India Islands, to be met at those Islands by other boats, so as to extend the chain of communication all over the Atlantic ocean, is said to be about to be realized. The following is said to be the plan. Two steamships will sail every month, the number to be increased afterwards, so as to send off one every week. One of the largest class (of one thousand tons) for New-York, touching at Halifax for fuel, and meet a branch line from Quebec; and another of the best class, for the West India, touching at Cayal, in the Azores, for fuel, and proceeding thence to Antigua, there to meet a branch from Trinidad, Oranoco, Guiana, and the Brazil. From Antigua, she will proceed to Port Royal, St. Jamaica, and return by Cape Neckola, Mole, and Bermuda. From Jamaica, a separate branch will run to Carthagena, and also to Managua, where she will be able to sail to the River of the Amazon, if met by a boat of smaller draft, which is now about to be established on that river by Mr. Rivers. The depots of coals at Fayal and Bernagula, are to be secured from the Cape Breton and Nova Scotia mines.

It is reported that, with a view to render this extensive line of steam vessels complete, a company at New-York, is about to make a draft on the British Government, to carry it through to Mexico; so that, if

such plan, there would be steam-boats plying between New-York and Mexico, touching at Norfolk, the Bahama Islands, and Havana. "This would complete the entire circuit of the Atlantic, connecting the islands with the continent, and these again with Liverpool, through the medium of Valentia, from which latter place steam vessels will proceed to Bristol, Liverpool, London, France, Holland, &c.

The New-York Express, from which we have made the preceding extract, goes on to observe: "No doubt, is Valentia from other ports of Great Britain, that, with 100 miles from Carriage, from London to Bristol, over the fastest road in the world, 600s may be reached in 30 hours in a steam-boat, when conveyance of all descriptions may be found to the place of embarkation. Dublin may be reached in 12 hours from Liverpool, by steam, and Valentia in 30 hours more by land. From Glasgow to Belfast by steam, in 13 hours' passage, whence Valentia is only 30 miles distant. But by the direct steam navigation, which it is a part of the company's plan to establish, the voyage from Bristol to Valentia will be performed in 40 hours, from Liverpool in 60 hours, from Glasgow in 80 hours, and from London, by Glasgow and Falmouth, in 90 hours."

We have not space to follow this plan through all the train of consequences which may be expected to follow its successful execution. We are of opinion, however, that a scheme embracing so many objects, and such a vast expenditure of money and time, and which will require so much exertion and expenditure, will have to encounter many difficulties, and some disappointments before it can be made efficient. It is our good wishes for its success; for, if successful, it will certainly be the commencement of a new epoch in the world. If it nothing less than a conspiracy to conquer time and space, and, although we are not given to premature conclusions, or to cry "God speed!" to those who engage in dreams, we still, on the occasion, heartily go out of our old rattle, and offer our hopes to go with the projectors through their daring operations.—*Anti-Jour.*

Lord Cochrane has left London for the purpose of making the preliminary arrangements for his expedition against the Turks. The English (Turkey) merchants affect to be alarmed for the fate of their property in every part of the Grand Seigneur's dominions. The intended expedition of Lord Cochrane to Greece gave great satisfaction at Paris. The *Journal des Debats* says: "It is no doubt true to see the intentions of learned Europe applied to contend with barbarism, and to deliver oppressed nations. The use of steam vessels navigating without the aid of crew against the force of winds, cannot fail to produce great results in a sea beset with islands and shoals. With what stupid aversion will not the Turks look upon those machines, which will appear to them inventions from hell!"

After detailing the measures that have been adopted by the Greek Committee in London, in connection with Lord Cochrane, and which have been already noticed by us, the *Journal* says: "We hope this project will be carried into execution with the promptitude which circumstances require." And the *Constitutional* says: "We have no doubt, that a very little white Lord Cochrane will destroy the whole of that Anarchy. The talents of that skilful sailor have been useful to more nations than one; but they will never have been so concerted to a single cause."

Original extract of a letter from Mexico, written by a gentleman to his friend in Troy, N. Y.

Mexico, Aug. 15th, 1825.

The gent body of the people, I believe, are ardent. I attached to the present state of things—they are republicans as well as they know how to be—and are patriotic and ready to serve the cause of their country. A rare instance occurred a few weeks since. When the Spanish ship of the line, *Asia*, and a brig were surrendered to the Mexican Government by draft was ordered from the troops in Mexico to man them—and though the service was arduous and

expensive—for the vessel lay in the sickly port of Acapulco, where to discharge 600 men, and to employ on the more skillful and dangerous coast of Vera Cruz—much was the compensation that was offered to be employed on such duty. To this patriotism, I will add the strange infatuation of this government in the appointment of a *comodoro* of sailing to the command of the larger vessel, which will no doubt put her in fine view into the hands of San Juan d'Ulloa. The presence of an American Minister was most anxiously waited for to correct the wonderful inclination of this country towards England. Her recognition of this country being late, and her representative arriving first and anticipating us in a Treaty, threw the United States into the back ground, and this people into a fever, from which it will be difficult to recover them. It is a noteworthy fact, that many members of the Mexican Congress, which nullified the British Treaty, were advocates of the prior recognition of Mexican independence by the United States, and wondered why they had not done so. But happily for our nation, for adjustment to its most excellent friends. If any thing can be done to place us on a good footing, it will be done."

The government of Mexico, I regard to say, is a feeble one. The president is, I dare say, an honest man, but he is not a statesman. He is a man of noble birth, but he is in entire subordination to his advisers. The Secretary of State, Lora Alaman, is a travelled, and ought to be, and perhaps an intelligent man—but as a statesman, I venture to say, (perhaps I am presumptuous to judge) that he is in the world many a superior—his language is simple, not confined to a narrowness. Estevan, the Secretary of the Treasury, was a merchant in Vera Cruz. His political notions are aristocratic, all Dr. C. and Co. his opinions are the exploded theories of the old school of economists, and I am not bold in predicting, that should his restrictive and almost prohibitory measures be adopted and persevered in, he will find his nation in the next year with a greater deficit than he estimates for 1825, 4,000,000 dollars. His report to Congress in Jan. 7, was severely handled by a committee of the Senate. In all the departments, especially of war, is the most wasteful extravagance. The army exceeds 6,000 men, and costs the country 12,000,000 dollars—near 8 millions more than the entire revenue into the treasury, as estimated by the secretary for this year. The navy, consisting of a few gunboats and some exorbitant purchases in England and the United States, costs between 2 and 3,000,000 dollars. Such is the state of things at present—additional loans are rendered necessary, and they court the English to make them. But however unpromising the finances now, large revenues must be in expectation. With these increases given to industry in the mining districts, a large increase to the resources of the country must be made. For this, indeed, they are indebted to the English. [Signed.]

The governor of Kentucky is loudly called upon in the newspapers of that state to convene an extra session of the legislature, on the ground that the opinion of the people on the question of the new Court of Appeals has been clearly expressed by the result of the recent election. "The object is to have the old Court restored, the judges of which are not constitutionally removed. At present the new judges draw their salaries, and the old one cannot be refused them, if they claim them; consequently the state is liable for the expenses of two courts without the legal administration of justice."

The Kentucky papers state, that after spending four days in making up a jury to try Isaac B. De Haas, eleven jurors had been procured; so that the trial would probably proceed.

Notice.

The Regular Meeting of the Female Social Society is postponed till Monday evening 14th instant. ASHWORTH, Friends.

1825—Female Social Society, New Harmony

It is unfortunate that so many chapters in the early history of the Woman's Club movement in Indiana are unavailable. Perhaps there are old newspapers, records and much valuable information tucked away in garrets and basements, forgotten by those then interested and not now known to those carrying out the plan of work today. However, in an old issue of the "New Harmony Gazette," under date of October 1825 (on file in the Library of The Workingmen's Institute, New Harmony, Indiana, founded by Wm. Maclure, 1838) this item appears:

NOTICE

The Regular Meeting of the Female
Social Society is Postponed till Mon-
day evening 14th instant.

Ashworth, President

A. E. Crowell, Sec'y

The Librarian at the Institute, Louise M. Husband, when asked by the editor for a list of the members of several organizations in existence during these early years, wrote: "The names you want were from the photostatic copy of the original secretary's book of the Minutes of the Constitutional Convention: A valuable list, made Feb. 8, 1826 by Thomas Pears. The original is in the possession of one of his descendants at Pittsburgh, Pa. The library bought our copy from the Indiana State Library, March 28, 1933. Dr. John W. Oliver, now in the history department of the University of Pittsburgh, was formerly head of the Indiana State Historical Society and when he met Mr. Pears' relative and learned he had Thomas Pears' minutes, persuaded the State Library that they should have the copy made. The names are those who signed the constitution and among them are Mrs. Ashworth, Pres. of the Female Social Soc., and Mrs. Crowell, Secy." So this woman's club stands as the first in Indiana, and to date we believe the first in the United States, as well, of which there is any knowledge whatever, even though that knowledge is meager.

FRANCES WRIGHT

There is little doubt but that this early society of women was originated by Frances Wright (Madam d'Arusmont) the brilliant feminist. Neither is there any doubt but that it had to do with equal rights and educational privileges for women. Her brilliant mind and reforming zeal drew her to Robert Owen at the first announcement of his plans for establishing in New Harmony a magnificent cultural and social experiment, which would be famed the world over. She had a profound effect upon him both during these community days and for some years later.

Frances Wright, although little known to our present generation, played an important part in the early history of Indiana and indirectly of the world. She was born in Edinboro, Scotland, reared in London and was the grand niece of Lady Mary Worley Montague. She (with her sister Camilla) being left an orphan at an early age, became a friend of Jeremy Bentham, who at one time was associated in business with Robert Owen.

Phiquepal d'Arusmont, who later became her husband, conducted a school for boys in Philadelphia and Madam Fretageot one for girls. Both were taught in the Pestalozzian manner by followers of Pestalozzi of Switzerland, and both were financed by William MacLure, a contemporary of Robert Owen. MacLure had brought Madam Fretageot and Phiquepal from Paris for this purpose, says Caroline Dale Snedeker in her book, "The Town of the Fearless," and the schools were removed bodily to New Harmony, Indiana, teachers, pupils, apparatus and all. Here it was in 1826 that Joseph Neef and family, the first Pestalozzian teacher in America, came to teach the children of New Harmony. One school for children over 12 years of age was given the name of "The School for Adults."

Here in this small town in Indiana in 1826 was conducted—

- a—"First infant school in America, established in 1826. It was not until three years later that a school for children of tender years was established in New York City.
 - b—"First Free Kindergarten of any type in the western world, was formed in New Harmony.
 - c—"The first use of the kindergarten as a part of the public school system.
 - d—"The first distinctively trade school.
 - e—"The first industrial school of any type to be made a part of a free public school system.
 - f—"The first attempt to teach the Pestalozzian system of instruction in America.
 - g—"The first free public school system in America.
 - h—"The first free public school system which offered co-educational advantages—the same advantages to both sexes.
- (Lockwood's New Harmony Movement)
- i—The first woman's club (we believe) in America—The Female Social Society, extant in 1825, which was organized by Frances Wright.

Frances Wright first appeared in New Harmony after the purchase of the estate from the Rappites by Robert Owen, but before their removal to Pennsylvania, where she accompanied them to study their methods of settlement, because she had the same "wondrous

dream." She held that, "... mankind was one family—that the care and education of its youth should be equal and universal."

"NASHOBA"

She began an experiment similar to the one Robert Owen was starting at New Harmony by purchasing in the autumn of 1825, two thousand acres of woodland some 13 miles above Memphis, Tennessee, which she named "Nashoba," meaning wolf. As John Humphry Noyes says in his *History of American Socialism*, "She invited congenial minds from each quarter of the globe to unite with her in the search for truth and pursuit of rational happiness." Her idea was to elevate the negro slave by education. The first 15 negroes purchased from her neighbor slave holders, were to work on the Nashoba estate until they had paid for themselves. They were then to be freed, and with the funds thus renewed, purchase more slaves and this would, by spreading, eventually result in the complete abolition of slavery. The inspiration probably was suggested to her by General Lafayette, for he had at LaGrange, France, a similar community, and Frances, as a child, had been a guest there for three years, during which time she no doubt became imbued with the ideas which filled much of her later life.

This dream was destined to failure, however. Owing to failing health she was compelled to return to Europe, things went wrong at Nashoba and when she returned in December, she decided to make over the estate to a board of trustees composed of General Lafayette, William Maclure, Robert Owen, Cadwallader Calden, Richeson Witby, Robert Jennings, Robert Dale Owen, George Fowler, Camilla Wright and James Richardson, "... to be held by them, their associates and their successors in perpetual trust for the benefit of the negro race." Also to the trustees she deeded her negro slaves on the estate and her personal property.

NEW HARMONY GAZETTE

After the abandonment of the Nashoba settlement, Frances Wright came to New Harmony. Here she became associated with Robert Owen and William Pelham in the publication of the "New Harmony Gazette," printed in Community House No. 2, which is still standing. The motto of the "Gazette" was, "If we cannot reconcile all opinions, let us endeavor to unite all hearts." Mrs. Snedeker says, "The creating of a newspaper must have made some busy days for William Pelham, the committee, and the editor. The editor (William Pelham) writes a friend: "Bustling time in the printing office, getting out the first paper. Hurry for the Eastern mail. The press cost \$170. The labor of pulling the bar comparatively nothing. This paper gave few of the town's events and outside sensational murder was unknown to the "Gazette." It concerned itself mainly with philosophy, articles on

the social system, criticisms of the town by outsiders, which were freely published and then refuted by the editor, poetry, European events some two monthes old. Withal it is a charming sheet."

Later the paper, under the name of "Free Enquirer" was moved to New York City where it continued to be edited by both Frances Wright and Robert Dale Owen. "One can imagine the kind of paper these two ardent reformers would put forth," says Mrs. Snedeker, "abolition, woman's rights to her own property, to her children, and an easier divorce in case of drunkenness, the forming of a party for labor men."

Frances took to the lecture platform (which was almost unheard of in those days and brought her much censure) as early as 1828 to disseminate her views on equal rights for women, abolition of slavery and the granting of suffrage to the negroes. "She was a startling figure on the platform," says Mrs. Snedeker, "both as to her speeches and her appearance; the white dressed slender woman with the intense, unforgettable eyes. She was not received mildly. One evening a horrified audience rushed toward her in a body. She barely escaped, while they demolished the platform. Another time, as she was returning to her hotel, they crowded about the carriage, trying to turn it over; again they stoned her. She bore this with a certain delight in heroism."

In the library at New Harmony is still to be seen the desk over which she delivered lectures. "It was through Frances Wright, too," as one writer says, "that New Harmony became one of the earliest centers of the abolition movement and spoke forcibly through Robert Dale Owen to President Lincoln when emancipation hung in the balance." Owen sent a long letter to the President which contained the whole question of emancipation, its constitutionality and its after effects, as he saw it, and "Its perusal," said Lincoln, "thrilled me like a trumpet call."

So Indiana may well be proud to claim Frances Wright as the first advocate and crusader for women's property rights and the first advocate of woman's suffrage, a staunch believer in the abolition of slavery and one who sowed the seeds of many ideas which later pioneers, such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Julia Ward Howe, Carrie Chapman Catt and others, have carried to fruition in the movements as known today.

CENTURY OF PROGRESS

The Indiana room in the "Court of States" at the Century of Progress held in Chicago in 1933, contained murals by Thomas Benton depicting the physical, intellectual and cultural history of Indiana from its beginning. One unit of these murals was devoted to Frances Wright at work in New Harmony.

1841—The Edgeworthalean Society, Bloomington

There is a lapse of sixteen years between the announcement in the "New Harmony Gazette" of the postponed meeting of the Female Social Society and the next club of which we have but recently found records.

A gift to former President William Lowe Bryan of Indiana University (now President Emeritus) is the original secretary's book containing the constitution and by-laws and minutes for three and one-half years of the Edgeworthalian Society. It was presented to Dr. Bryan October 11, 1928, by Miss Florence Hughes of El Paso, Texas, formerly a resident of Bloomington and a member of the Indiana University class of 1878. Miss Hughes is the granddaughter of one of the founders and first president of the Society, Mrs. E. Hughes. (In those early days women rarely wrote out their Christian names, but used their initials only.)

The first female literary society of Bloomington was organized early in January (probably January 2) 1841, and held its first regular program meeting on January 8, 1841. The society met regularly once a week winter and summer, at 2 o'clock in the evening in winter and at 4 o'clock in the summer. The old southern expression of "evening" being then used to signify any time after twelve noon long prevailed throughout all southern Indiana.

In writing of this early club Mr. Ross Lockridge says, "The name of the club, Edgeworthalian, is of composite origin—after Marie Edgeworth, the famed author of *Moral Tales*, and Thalia, the mythical muse of pastoral song. The proper spelling of this name is 'Edgeworthalian.' However, the name is actually spelled throughout the handwritten record of the minutes, 'Edgeworthalean.'"

"It seems that the regular meeting place of the society was in the Monroe County Female Seminary, which stood at the Northeast corner of Seventh Street and College Avenue, where the Masonic Temple now stands. It was a two-story brick building. . . . with two large halls and four small rooms. It is evident, however, that the society met at other places from time to time, as the first meeting place mentioned particularly in the minutes was on the occasion of the first anniversary meeting January 2, 1842 . . . in Edgeworthalean Hall." What more natural than that the society should have met in the home of Mrs. E. Hughes, since she was the first president? "We find in the minutes of January 13, 1844, the record that M. L. Bollman was appointed to 'solicit of the trustees the privilege of again occupying the County Seminary as a place of meeting one evening every week.'"

The Bloomington of that early day numbered only about 1,500 people. Indiana University boasted a roster of 200 students, all men, as it did not become co-educational until 1867. There was a Female Academy in Bloomington, which was usually attended by 70 or 80 girls. The County Seminary, where the Edgeworthalians met, was founded for young women in 1818.

The membership of the Society was composed of "Charter Members" and "Other Members." In the charter list we read: E. Hughes, J. F. Hughes, A. Maxwell, M. Maxwell, M. Alexander, S. Williams, M. S. Hinkson, R. Rogers, S. J. Dunning, J. May, M. Barnes, and in the minutes of the first two meetings we find the name of "Miss L. Hughes (Mrs. Geiger) but not later.

The "Other Members" were: M. Barnes, M. Batterton, E. Baugh, M. L. Bollman, C. Boweand, M. Buskirk, V. Buskirk, E. Deming, M. Forbes, L. Howe, E. J. Kirk, E. Livingston, M. E. Lowe, A. McDonald, M. Martineau, C. Morrison, H. E. Parks, J. Severs, M. Sleeper, C. Swearingon, and M. Venable. Many of these names are still well known in Bloomington.

The officers' names, which have been taken from the minutes, as the records do not show the official list, were: Mrs. E. Hughes, first president; C. Morrison, first secretary; F. Hinkson, first vice-president.

As we peruse the constitution and by-laws of this society we find many interesting articles. Elections were for a period of three months; an inaugural address was delivered by the president and recorded UNLESS objected to by two-thirds of the whole society. Various fines were imposed, such as $6\frac{1}{4}$ cents for absence from meetings without a sufficient excuse, and $12\frac{1}{2}$ cents when an officer failed to discharge any of her duties. Any member absenting herself voluntarily from the regular meetings and who refused to conform to the rules and regulations was to be "disowned."

Pointing out the "beauties and defects" and correcting of any errors in the compositions presented by the members, was the duty of the two critics, but this evidently did not always work to advantage, as we read, "It is to be hoped that the embarrassment which is still consequent on our exercises may soon be done away or exchanged for that modest freedom which is necessary to the proper criticism of all the exercises and to the right improvement of the members." The Censoress was to supervise the general moral character of the society and admonish all offenders.

When circumstances permitted, a library of select books was to be procured and if the society ever dissolved, the library and other effects were to descend to any other society of ladies of Bloomington that adopted the leading features of the constitution. (There is no record showing this was carried out.)

Among the subjects for discussion were: "Which has the advantage in making matrimonial connections, the lady or the gentleman?" "Which was the most blameworthy in the original transgression, Adam or Eve?" "Is there more happiness found in the married or the single state?" "Which is most to be desired—the wisdom of mature years or the happiness peculiar to youth?" "Which is the most important, male or female education?" "Would it not be advisable for the young

ladies and gentlemen of Bloomington "to have charts taken of their heads and sent on to Fowler to see which would make suitable companions for life?" Upon the question, "Should women be allowed to vote?" the result was "NO" as to argument and merits.

We find in Mrs. Hughes' inaugural address, January 22, 1841: "Although societies similar in character to the one which we are now engaged in forming have long existed in places not very distant (could this have been the Female Social Society of New Harmony?) yet in our own immediate community they have hitherto been confined exclusively to the other sex. As we may therefore be considered innovators on the established order of things, it may be necessary and proper to state our intentions in forming this organization.

"THE OBJECT"

"Our object is the cultivation and improvement of the mind: and to effect this we have adopted such exercises and regulations as other societies of the same nature have found most conducive to the same end.

"When discussing the propriety of our present undertaking, it has been objected by many that a part, at least, of the exercises customary in such societies was too masculine to be proper for females and was calculated to dim the lustre of that modest reserve which is justly considered the sex's best ornament.

"It is agreed by many that mental culture unfits a woman for the performance of those domestic employments which make a part of her daily duties. That this pursuit like everything good under the sun, may be abused, perverted, cannot be denied; but surely when properly directed it has no such tendency, and I trust I do not misrepresent the sentiments of my fellow-members when I assert that we advocate it because we believe it to be eminently calculated to strengthen and perfect the sex in the discharge of all their duties, thereby rendering home the seat of happiness."

We find the following report of the Treasurer under date of January 28, 1842:

"Ladies

Your treasuress submits the following report

Received . . . of former treasuress .31 $\frac{1}{4}$

of Mrs. Livingston

for initiation .25

Whole amount \$0.56 $\frac{1}{4}$

M. A. Batterton, Treasuress."

July 29, 1842, in Mrs. Morrison's inaugural address we read: "Harmony and good-will prevail among us to a greater degree, and though our meetings are sometimes small, and sometimes we are pained at the loss of a member, still our ardor faileth not, and we

are frequently encouraged by the admission of a new and valuable member, and if our aim is still high, our object noble, and our motto TRUTH, we will advance upward and onward in spite of bitter scorn, cruel oppression, and indeed, in spite of every opposition."

The application for membership reads as follows: "The undersigned feeling the need of something to stimulate her mental and moral culture, and believing the means may be the concentration in a literary society or body associated expressly to impart and receive instruction, hereby offers herself for a candidate for the honor of membership in the Edgeworthalean Society. She has long meditated this step, and has hitherto been withheld by a sense of her deficiencies, and shame at exposing them to that honorable literary body; but knowing that shame often proceeds from pride, that great bar to the acquisition of knowledge, she intends laying it aside and coming forward as a simple learner to the feet of those, whose years, if measured by their attainments, would far exceed those of

Your humble petitioner,

Mary A. Martineau

Quiet Retreat, Bloomington
August 26th, A. D. 1842

Signers—M. W. Barnes
M. A. Maxwell."

This petition was read and unanimously accepted at the meeting of August 26, 1842.

"The last meeting, writes Mr. Lockridge, of which there is a record in the old minute book was on June 14, 1844. There is no indication in the report of this meeting that any purpose of closing the society was at that time entertained and it cannot be definitely concluded that the society ended on that date. There are several blank pages in the back of the book which might preclude the idea that a new book was begun after that time. . . . Up to this time no information has been adduced as to when and why the club disbanded."

1858—Clonian Society, *Vernon's Club*

The Vernon Seminary, where part of the time, courses were given in certain subjects now taught in colleges, was the first high school in Vernon, Indiana. It is still standing, is occupied and owned by Mr. Shepherd Whitcomb, superintendent of the public schools of Jennings County. The second high school building, the Jennings Academy, was built in 1858. The cornerstone laying ceremonies were given by the twenty-five ladies of the Clonian Society (who have been found to have been a group of academy students ranking exceptionally well in their studies) and responded to by Lucius Bingham, a prominent lawyer of that day of Vernon.

In the cornerstone, set in 1858, and which was torn down in 1922, was found a tin box containing, among other things, a copy of the constitution of this group of organized women, a Holy Bible and a newspaper of early date. The constitution for the Clonian Society is said to have been written by Hon. Avery Bullock, attorney-at-law and graduate of Hanover College, Indiana. (Ross Lockridge historical data).

The constitution of the Clonian Society as of July 17, 1858, named the following officers: President, Miss Mary Vawter; vice president, Miss Lue Denham; secretary, Miss Laura Barnum; treasurer, Miss Clara Cooke. The emblem was myrtle. The pledge read: "Believing that the moral and intellectual faculties of the young ladies may be improved by a continual effort on their part, we whose names are hereunto subscribed do pledge ourselves to be governed by the following constitution." And from the constitution we note that Art. 10 reads: "The society shall be composed of honorary and ordinary members. The privilege of the ordinary membership shall be restricted to those who have (been) connected with The Vernon Seminary or who may be connected with the Jennings Academy. Persons shall be elected honorary members of Intellectual greatness."

Those who signed the above pledge were: Mary Vawter, Lue Denham, Laura H. Barnum, Clara Cooke, Nellie McCammon, Eleonora Basmet, Ella Vawter, Viola McGammon, Hannah Huckleberry, Lucia N. Barnum, Emily Vawter, Nutia Butler, Viola Twadell, Aeg. Wagner, Emma B. Basnett, Sarah Louisa Peak, Catherine Anna Steinberger, Myra Barnum, Annie Fink, Mary Lattimore, Jennie Vawter, Martha Vawter, (Hd) Sarah Vawter, Adelia A. Athinson, Mary L. Vawter.

Even though the records of the Clonian Society are very incomplete, as no minutes of the meetings nor programs have been found, still of this fact we are positive, this is one of the very early women's clubs in Indiana of which there are authentic records.



June 1906 this picture was taken of the Indiana delegates who were attending the Biennial at St. Paul, Minn.

Those we have been able to identify are: Seated, left to right, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey of Valparaiso and Mrs. Constance Fauntleroy Runcie of New Harmony. Standing immediately back and to the right of Mrs. Runcie are, first, Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart of Muncie, then Mrs. Anna B. Forrester of South Bend. Two of those in the back are Mrs. H. M. Beer of Valparaiso and Mrs. Charles Vickery. (See Minerva Club.)

1859—The Minerva, New Harmony

In 1927 when Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the General Federation, made a survey to secure data on the oldest club in the United States, it was thought the result then arrived at was final, as announced at the Council meeting held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, that year. Mrs. Sherman stated in her report that the decision had been made on the basis of the clubs reporting and that only clubs organized prior to 1878 had been considered. (Twenty-two reports of such clubs were received.) The information had been secured from General Federation Directors and State Presidents with 33 states reporting definite data. However, the past decade shows changes should be made in this list, as the search is continued throughout the United States for the oldest club.

CLUB SURVEY

In the Indianapolis Star of November 22, 1936, Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks gives a summary of Mrs. Sherman's report in which we read: "Much interesting club history was unearthed in Mrs. Sherman's survey. The objectives of the clubs, as indicated by their names, were for self improvement or to fit their members for more efficient service to their homes and communities.

"First in the list is the Ladies' Education Association of Jacksonville, Illinois, organized in 1833. It has had a continuous existence, and is still active.

"For the second, Mrs. Sherman reported the most interesting history of all. It was organized in 1838 and was called the Maternal Association. (Oregon). Its members consisted of all white women (probably less than a dozen) of the Northwest. Its secretary and treasurer was Narcissae Whitman, the heroic woman about whom the historical novel, 'We Must March,' by Honore Wiltsie Morrow, centers. The club came to a tragic end after more than ten years' existence with the massacre by the Indians of Mrs. Whitman, at which time all records were lost.

"The third club listed was the Alphadelphian of Alfred, New York, which started in 1846 with a flourishing membership and continued until 1920.

"The fourth and second of those still in existence was the Ladies' Physiological Society of Boston and vicinity, organized in 1848. So strong was the opposition at that time to any woman's club that Prof. Bronson of Harvard occupied the chair at its meetings for the first two years, as no woman dared to accept the office. This was the largest of all the early clubs, having a membership of 197 when founded.

"The Ladies' Library Association, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1852.

"The Ladies' Library Association of Randolph, Mass., has met from 1855 to the present time, and its membership has grown from 42 to 137.

"The Mutual Improvement Society of Sandy Spring, Maryland, had grown from fifteen in 1857 to thirty in 1927.

"The eighth, The Minerva, New Harmony, Indiana, organized September 20, 1859.

"Six other clubs were listed by Mrs. Sherman as having been organized in 1867, 1868 or 1869, all of which are still in existence. Still another list composed of clubs organized from 1869 to 1877, with which the survey closed."

It was, of course, a keen disappointment to the club women of Indiana that the Minerva, as at first supposed, was not the oldest club, but as Mr. Ross Lockridge, in his search for the oldest club in Indiana, says: "There are so many aspects in which this club, considering all its vital associations, is truly first (regardless of chronology) as a typical, thorough-going woman's club, that the house which still stands, with the identical room in which the club was formed, has been enshrined by the Indiana Federation of Clubs as the birthplace, or at least the best known cradle, of the women's club movement in America."

The Minerva club, indeed, is so closely related and interwoven into the club movement not only here in Indiana, but also the General Federation, that it is almost impossible to speak of the organization of women's clubs without bringing into the picture the part this club played. We are proud of our heritage, proud of the fact that the records of this early group of women have been preserved for us.

"Treasured among the records of the Minerva Society in the Old Fauntleroy Home are a letter and an article contributed to the Boston Woman's Journal in January, 1904, written by Ella Dietz (later Mrs. Clymer) niece of Mrs. Robert Dale Owen, which are a connecting link between the Minerva and Sorosis, the mother of the federation.

"The letter and the article tell of a winter (1861-62) spent by Miss Dietz in New Harmony, and of the Minerva during that time. They tell also of her connection later, in 1868, with Sorosis of New York, by invitation of Alice and Phoebe Cary. Particularly interesting is her description of a meeting she attended at the home of Mrs. Croly (Jennie June) of the newly-formed Sorosis, of whose first executive committee she was made a member. In Mrs. Clymer's own language, 'I became a member of the executive committee of Sorosis and later with the other members signed the act of incorporation'."

At the annual meeting of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, October 12, 1904, a committee on historical research, composed of Jane McM. Smith and Mary Stull Studebaker of South Bend and Mary D. Maxedon of Vincennes, was appointed by the president, Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, to collect data on the organization of the Minerva Club, which was thought at that time to be the first woman's club in America. The following letter from Mrs. Julian Runcie of St. Joseph, Missouri, the former Constance Owen Fauntleroy, founder of

the club, is taken from Women's Clubs of Indiana. Official Directory and Year Book, 1904-5.



"The Minerva Club was organized under its written constitution by me at New Harmony, Indiana, September 20th, 1859. This antedates the Boston Women's Club and Sorosis of New York by nine (9) full years. It was a complete, fully officered club. Motto: 'Wisdom to the crown of glory.' Badge, laurel wood, Maltese cross set in gold. Club procedure has since been followed by all clubs as to the main idea. I was not married then, my name was Constance Fauntleroy. In Madison, Indiana, I founded my second club in 1867. Thus I had organized two clubs before Boston or New York. Since then we have not been able to find any earlier clubs than mine."

CONSTANCE OWEN FAUNTLEROY

Constance Owen Fauntleroy was born in Indianapolis in 1836 and received her early training at home in New Harmony, the scene of her grandfather's recent experiments in socialism. "It was here," as one writer says, "where her wonderfully penetrating mind and deep sympathies were trained and developed by contact with many of the cultured persons of the day." New Harmony was a home of ideals, a center of high culture and profound learning, and although isolated in a deep wilderness Robert Owen's wealth and masterly ways persuaded scores of leading scientists and educators of that era to come there to live. Constance was the granddaughter of Robert Owen and the daughter of Jane Dale Owen Fauntleroy. She inherited the gifts of her illustrious ancestors and at the age of five was proficient in music, story and poetry writing.

Upon the death of her father, the family went to Stuttgart, Germany, where the sixteen-year-old Constance studied music, drawing, painting and the languages. Upon her return to New Harmony she writes, "The Owens were literary, but the place was stifling to me, who had just returned from Europe and was accustomed to society and study."

It was about this time that Constance conceived the idea of organizing a club, and she speaks of it in this interesting manner: "Upon my return to New Harmony . . . I heard of a Secret Society in the school of our town. With all the longings for a larger life and filled with the spirit of helpfulness which I had breathed in from the Owen Community, I said, 'Let us organize a Literary Society' and the response resulted in the formation of 'The Minerva'. . . . We called it 'The Minerva' because we wished to become wise."

ROBERT DALE OWEN

Robert Dale Owen, the English Socialist, had his place in this early club, because it was he who wrote the constitution and by-laws, patterning them after the Constitution of the United States. November 1, 1924, Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy writes: "Robert Dale Owen was a member of our first constitutional convention; a congressman; a senator; a friend of Lincoln; one of the first Regents of the Smithsonian Institute; (It was he who did more than any other man to induce the United States government to found the Smithsonian Institution. He drew and introduced the bill for that purpose, and when the work was accomplished he acted as regent of the Institution.—Stories of Indiana, Thompson.) and minister to Naples. He married Mary Jane Robinson, who belonged to a prominent New York family. Her aunt helped organize the Sorosis in 1867."

It was in the parlor of this home that the Minerva Club was organized. This home, known as No. 52 during the Rappite occupancy of New Harmony, has sheltered more persons well known in various educational lines than any other house in Indiana, we believe. Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, the present hostess, says of it, "The Old Fauntleroy Home stands as a monument to the God-loving Rappites, who hewed the timbers, quarried the rock, made the bricks and built it. It stands as a monument to the great artists, scientists and naturalists and their distinguished wives who left comforts and conveniences in their effort to advance education and culture in the midwest."

"The Old Fauntleroy Home, like the other houses built by the Rappites, did not front upon the street, the side next to the street having no doors, and the stranger passing through town saw little appearances of life." (Thompson's Indiana.)

Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks (Special Indpls. Star Edition) gives a very graphic picture of the founding of the Minerva Society in the Old Fauntleroy Home at New Harmony in 1859.

"Sepienta Gloria Corona Est, (Wisdom is a Crown of Glory) was the significant motto chosen by the members of that famous Indiana club known as The Minerva Society, named for the Goddess of Wisdom and organized September 20, 1859.

"The club was organized with thirteen members, receiving afterward thirteen additional members. Apparently the superstition against

'unlucky 13' meant nothing to the club members. The Book of Minutes, preserved in The Old Fauntleroy Home, contains the signatures of all twenty-six and a record of every (Monday evening) meeting following the date of organization." (These precious minutes, written in old-fashioned script on paper browned with age, from which the ink has faded perceptibly, are protected by a glass case.)

The names of the members, many of which are familiar to us today, are: Miss Constance Owen Fauntleroy, Miss Lydia Hinkley, Miss Sally Nettleton, Miss Anna M. Owen, Miss Eliza Oatzman, Miss Della Mann, Miss Anna Mann, Miss Mary Simpson, Miss Eliza Jane Twigg, Mrs. Virginia Fauntleroy Preaus, Mrs. Florence Dale Owen, Mrs. Rachel Homer Fauntleroy, Mrs. Charlotte Sampson Boren, Miss Hattie Collins, Miss Mariam Elliott, Miss Angeline Ruder, Miss Celia Rogers, Miss Eliza Robson, Miss Ellan Hinkley, Martha Wilsey, Natalie Mann, Isabelle Wheatcraft, Mary Chadwick, Rosamond Dale Owen, Lizzie Cooper and Ella Dietz.

This was a most distinguished group, as we read: "A number were descendents of our early scientists, a few had attended a Girl's Boarding School, several had traveled abroad, some were educated abroad. Three had been presented at the Italian Court and two were made members, later, of the General Federation of Women's Clubs."

Constance Owen Fauntleroy (Mrs. Runcie) (see picture heading chapter) was made an honorary vice president of the GFWC at the St. Paul meeting (1906). "This honor was given to Mrs. Runcie in recognition of her work as the pioneer in the great and important club movement which in the last thirty years has extended from ocean to ocean, and has given more than a million women of the United States their splendid opportunity for service." (From a memorial by Mrs. George C. Hitt, Indianapolis, to Mrs. Runcie, who had died but a few months before the convention in Indianapolis, 1911.) And too it was then thought Mrs. Runcie was the organizer of the first woman's club in America.

"The Minerva Club badge was a Latin cross made of laurel wood and mounted in gold. These crosses are now worn by the daughters and granddaughters of members who have organized a continuation club titled, 'Daughters of the Minerva,' which meets annually in the Minerva parlor of the Old Fauntleroy Home, from which looks down the pictures of each of the original twenty-six members.

"The meetings were conducted along strictly parliamentary lines and rotation in office was an advanced feature of the club. Elections were held every six weeks in order that all members should have equal executive experience. A critic was one of the officers and the minutes show that this officer always performed her duty meticulously. Absences required excuses and these were recorded in the minutes. A typical one was the excusing of Della Mann, because she had become

engaged to Lieutenant Eugene F. Owen, who was home on a furlough from the Civil War.

"Della Mann Owen, a lovely, silver-haired gentlewoman of the ante bellum type, recalled (October, 1923) the Minerva Parlor, the beautiful associations the parlor had for her, chief of which was that it was there she received her proposal of marriage from Lieutenant Owen.

"Another interesting story told by Mrs. Owen was of the eager anticipation with which the club members and other New Harmony women looked forward to the annual journey of the flat boats to New Orleans carrying produce in exchange for merchandise in which was included women's fripperies; Paris gowns, hats, bonnets and dress accessories.

"The programs of the Minerva Club included original compositions and poems, selected readings, debates and a novelette for which each member wrote a chapter. The mental caliber and the culture of this group of young women is shown in the subjects selected for debate. Some of these were: 'Are We Made Happier by Education?' 'Which is the Greater Evil, War or Slavery?' 'Is Woman Mentally Man's Equal?' 'Do Facts or Fiction Contribute Most to Mental Enjoyment?'"

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

"Every incoming president was required to write an inaugural address and every retiring one a valedictory." In the Saturday, October 1, 1859 issue of "The New Harmony Advertiser" is the inaugural address of the Founder and first president of The Minerva, Constance Owen Fauntleroy, which was delivered before the Minerva Society, instituted by the Young Ladies of New Harmony, September 26, 1859.

The Minerva Society disbanded during the Civil War period, holding its last meeting in 1863.

In 1861 Constance married Rev. Dr. James Runcie, an Episcopalian clergyman, and moved to Madison, Indiana, where the Runcie home became a center of literary culture. "Her name came to be revered in Madison, says Charity Dye in her book 'Some Torch Bearers of Indiana,' as a great leader and to this day her benign influence is felt."

From Madison, Indiana, the Runcie family moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, where Mrs. Runcie died in 1911.

The Old Fauntleroy Home, which has been the property of the Indiana Federation since 1924, draws annually many hundreds of people—club women and others interested—to hear from Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, hostess, something of its early history. Miss Fauntleroy has done more than any one other agency to keep alive the interest in New Harmony which gave so much to state and nation.

1868—The Sorosis of New York City and Birth of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, 1889

It was prior to March 1868, that the Press Club, comprising nearly all the leading journalists of New York City, gave Mr. Charles Dickens, the English author, a dinner at Delmonico's following the close of his reading tour in this country. Upon the executive committee was D. G. Croly, then managing editor of the "New York World," and through him his own wife, also a writer (better known by the name of Jennie June) applied for a ticket to the dinner, claiming it on the ground that the dinner was given as a compliment by the press of New York to one of its most distinguished members.

The application was at first treated as a joke, but Mr. James Parton took it seriously and at the next meeting presented a request from his wife, a writer known by the name of "Fanny Fern". Other applications followed and the matter finally reached the ears of Horace Greeley, editor of the "New York Tribune," who was to preside on the occasion. Mr. Greeley declared that he would not do so unless the women had a chance. Consequently, three days before the dinner a committee sent a reluctant note to Mrs. Croly to the effect that if a sufficient number of ladies (to make a good showing) could be found willing to pay \$15 each for their tickets, they would be permitted to attend. The ladies refused to avail themselves of this opportunity.

THE FATHER OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB MOVEMENT

"This somewhat churlish treatment, writes Mrs. Croly, suggested the idea of a club composed of women only, that should manage its own affairs, represent, as far as possible, the active interest of women and create a bond of fellowship between them, which many women, as well as men, thought at that time would be impossible to establish." From this incident has come the story with which we are all familiar, that Charles Dickens is the father of the woman's club movement in the United States. He was indirectly responsible for the founding of Sorosis, which in turn is considered "The Mother of the General Federation," having fostered the founding of that organization.

The matter of forming a woman's organization was discussed many times at the Sunday evening receptions of Alice and Phoebe Cary. Finally a meeting was called at the home of Mrs. Croly at which were present Mrs. Charlotte B. Wilbour, Miss Kate and Mrs. Henry M. Field. Letters of introduction were sent to such ladies as they thought would make desirable members. "At the same time it was agreed that Mrs. Croly endeavor to secure the cooperation of Mrs. Professor Botta. Many women, Mrs. Croly writes, she herself among the rest, wished for a more intimate companionship with women, with those whose deeper natures had been roused to activity, who had been seized by

the divine spirit of inquiry and aspirations, who were interested in the thought and progress of the age and in what other women were thinking and doing."

Before the next meeting a constitution had been formed. The object being to promote agreeable and useful relations among women of literary and artistic tastes. The association to be entirely independent of sectionalism or partisanship. To afford an opportunity for the discussion among women of new facts and principles, the result of which promised to exert an important influence on the future of women and the welfare of society. The initiation fee to be \$5.00.

At a meeting at the home of Mrs. Croly the subject of a name was discussed. Among them being, "The Woman's League," "Sphinx," and "Columbia." It was there also that Mrs. Botta suggested the name "Blue Stocking," but this was opposed on the ground that it would tend to make it too strictly a literary club. Mrs. Croly says: "The club must be homogeneous—hospitable to women of different minds, degrees and habits of work and thought. It must be representative of the whole woman, not of any special class of women, for the idea of clubs for women was to rid them of the system of exclusion or separation."

THE NAME "SOROSIS"

The finding of a name is told in a sketch given on the sixteenth anniversary of Sorosis by Mrs. Croly: "To find a name, Mrs. Wilbour and I looked through piles of dictionaries. The first one happened to be a botanical dictionary and I found the word 'Sorosis' and liked it for its full appropriate significance . . . which seemed to me full of gracious meaning." Sorosis then, by consent, became the name of this early group of forward-looking women, and 12 of the 14 women contacted at once enlisted in the new organization.

Although Mrs. Croly was offered the presidency, she refused and said her choice was Alice Cary, the poet of American Women. Thus the first printed list of officers became—

President, Alice Cary
 Vice president, Jennie C. Croly
 Corresponding Secretary, Kate Field
 Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Charlotte B.
 Wilbour

Committee

Phoebe Cary	Josephine Pollard
Ella Dietz Clymer	Lucy Gibbons
Celia M. Burleigh	Ellen Louise Demorest

Miss Alice Cary had accepted the presidency under strong personal pressure, owing to illness, and delivered her first and only ad-

dress as head of the new group. Mrs. Croly occupied the chair at the meeting held at Delmonico's on April 20, 1868, at which time we find the membership of 12 had doubled.

One of the members, Miss Kate Field, who had withdrawn from the group when she went to Boston to reside, wrote thus to Mrs. Croly: "The Boston women are also forming a club, but they have got men with them and know better what they want. They will accomplish something definite and practical. Don't go on with 'Sorosis'. I won't have the name. Nobody knows what it means and nobody will know what you mean or what you want and you will be laughed at."

From a letter, perhaps one of Mrs. Croly's written somewhat later, the following is quoted: "I think we accepted the fact that Boston women were wiser, knew more and would make something finer in the way of a society than we could. We were willing to acknowledge Sorosis might remain a poor thing, but we liked the thought that it would be our own."

Now it was that the first lesson of a woman's club—"to submit to the majority"—was learned by this handful of women bent upon forming one of the earliest organizations for women only. Miss Kate Field, accompanied by Mrs. James T. Field, returned from Boston, and Mrs. Croly writes. "In the then weak and somewhat vague condition of the club membership, managed to carry so much weight that the name 'Sorosis' was set aside and her substitute, 'The Women's League' adopted." Mrs. Croly fought valiantly to prevent this change, but at last acquiesced, because a considerable majority seemed to be in favor of it. Thus, on April 20, "Sorosis" became, upon motion of Miss Field, "The Women's League." However, in but a very short time even those who had favored the change realized that a mistake had been made, because "The Women's League" expected cooperation and received patronage of a male organization.

"At the next meeting held the first Monday in May, Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, who had been a member of and president of the Minerva in 1859 of New Harmony, Indiana, and who later (1889-1891) became the sixth president of Sorosis, and who had voted for the change, brought in a resolution to reconsider and 'Sorosis' was restored by an overwhelming majority." This action, however, lost the cooperation of three members, among them Miss Field, who "... left the room and the club in disgust." Thus Sorosis was safely launched, even though in the beginning, as with every new undertaking, there were many differences of opinion.

We find just three months after the organization of Sorosis that the membership had increased to 50 members. At the annual meeting, held the first Monday in March, 1869, Agnes Noble, chairwoman, stated that 19 regular meetings of the club had been held—15 at Delmonico's and 4 at the homes of members, with 83 members in good and regular standing. It is interesting to note that among the

membership there were 6 artists or workers in art, 26 authors, 1 historian, 11 poets, 9 teachers and lecturers, 8 well known philanthropists, 2 physicians, 4 writers of science and others who were contributing to periodicals.

Continuing, Mrs. Noble said: "The influence of Sorosis is now felt far and near, and it is not too much to say that it initiated a move, and at this time maintains a position, which, in conjunction with auxiliary aggregations of women tending to the same result, will revolutionize the world." How true indeed was Mrs. Noble's prophesy about this pioneer club. This club, composed of women who were searching for something which would broaden, not only their own horizons, but that of the vast womanhood of America and the world. This was achieved through the forming of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Croly was elected president in March, 1869 (Miss Cary resigning, owing to ill health), and continued in office for ten years. During the first year of her administration the membership increased to 100 and we find Sorosis in a very healthy condition.

SOROSIS BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Mary I. Wood in her History of the first twenty-two years of the General Federation, writes: "This club (Sorosis) had been organized in 1868 by Mrs. Jennie C. Croly . . . in January 1889, being about to complete the twenty-first year of its existence, a business meeting of the club was held, at which were discussed plans for the suitable celebration of the date upon which Sorosis should attain her majority."

At this meeting it was decided to send an invitation to all the women's clubs known to be in existence. The call went out to 97 clubs, and on March 20, 1889, in Madison Square Theatre, New York City, gathered delegates from 61 of these clubs.

INDIANA'S DELEGATES

Indiana was well represented at this meeting, having the third largest delegation there, only New York, the hostess state, and Massachusetts having a larger number of delegates present. Indiana's representatives were: Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis, from the National Council of Women, of which she was corresponding secretary; Miss Elizabeth Ames, Woman's Reading Club, Greencastle (see Woman's Club, Greencastle); Lila M. Ketcham (Mrs. Donald) from the four-year-old Katharine Merrill Club, Indianapolis; Mrs. Kate Rand Winter, who was recording secretary of The Woman's Club, Indianapolis; Mary H. Smart (Mrs. James H.) Monday Club, Lafayette, and later president of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs; Mrs. A. W. Waldo, Woman's Club, Terre Haute. The following clubs were also represented (GFWC record) although we do not have the names of

the delegates: Tourist Club, Frankfort; Woman's Club, Vincennes, and The Ladies' Literary Club, Evansville.

Of this convention, Mrs. Croly writes: "It was a revelation of a new force in progressive womanhood. . . . There was nothing aggressive in the work, no effort at propaganda, only the opening of doors and windows of souls, and consequent light and sunshine flowing in upon other minds and souls. It was the most wonderful of experimental gatherings. It has been repeated many times since, though never, perhaps, with the same thrilling effect."

Miss Mary Eastman of the New England's Woman's Club admirably expressed the prevailing sentiment when she said: "I have rejoiced today in the manyness of us more than in anything else. Today I felt the joy of the vast intellectual wealth in us, and it has been like a shock of electricity. I am glad that so many could come; I am glad to clasp hands so widely, and now begin to understand each other. It seems to me that as I feel the great love that comes from so many, it is almost too great a joy, and somehow we want to learn to bear it. We must learn sympathy, learn unity, learn the great lesson of organization. I am sure we never have begun to dream of what will yet appear. This club and other clubs reach out into the new life for women. It is certainly a new life. These clubs have made a new world, and we have got to adapt ourselves to it and to educate the world around us." The New England Woman's Club, however, later decided not to ally itself with the movement at this time, which was greatly regretted because this action removed Mrs. Julia Ward Howe from the general organization committee to which she had been appointed.

Indiana was honored by having two of its daughters prominent in the perfecting of the organization of the General Federation—Mrs. May Wright Sewall and Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer, often a guest for protracted visits in the Robert Henry Fauntleroy home.

Mrs. Clymer (later Mrs. Webster Glynes of London) was the niece of Mrs. Robert Dale Owen of New Harmony, Indiana. She was president, 1861-1862, of the Minerva Club, the name so closely associated with the club movement here in Indiana. Mrs. Clymer was also president of Sorosis of New York at the time of the birthday party and the following year, when the Ratification Convention was held in New York. She was made chairman of an Advisory Board of seven members, chosen from a larger committee to draft a constitution and present a plan of organization for the General Federation, which should be ratified the following year, 1890.

"UNITY IN DIVERSITY"

It was at this first meeting with Sorosis that Mrs. Clymer in her opening address on March 19, 1889, made use of the phrase which has since been used as the Motto of the General Federation. Her closing words were, "We look for unity, but UNITY IN DIVERSITY. We

hope that you will enrich us by your varied experiences and let us pledge ourselves to work for a common cause—the cause of womanhood throughout the world.”

Mrs. May Wright Sewall was also a member of the larger committee which helped to formulate plans for the Ratification Convention which met in Scottish Rite Hall, Madison Avenue, New York City, April 23, 24, 25, 1890.

Grace Julian Clarke writes of Mrs. Sewall as follows: “. . . in March, 1888, she had been one of the organizers of both the National and International Councils of Women in Washington, D. C., and had been elected corresponding secretary of the former, of which Frances E. Willard was president and Susan B. Anthony vice-president-at-large.

“In an address by Mrs. Sewall to women’s organizations of the United States issued by the officers of the National Council in November 1888, occurs the following statement: ‘. . . the clubs organized by women in all the leading cities have thus far been isolated, but it is hoped that a convention will be called within a year to form a national federation of women’s clubs; the influence of individual clubs would be increased by coming into such a federation, and the federation would be eligible to auxiliaryship in the National Council.’

“Mrs. Sewall, whose Girls’ School in Indianapolis was one of the leading preparatory schools in the country, was in close touch not only with prominent educators of the East, but also with leading spirits among New York and New England club women, and when this address was prepared she undoubtedly knew of the Sorosis birthday plans. Two months later the birthday invitations were issued. She was already deeply engrossed with the Council idea; and when, at the Philadelphia Biennial of 1894 the General Federation definitely declined to affiliate with the National Council on the ground that the Federation itself was ‘a sovereign and international body,’ Mrs. Sewall was keenly disappointed.

Mrs. Clarke continues, “I think the fact that the Council idea had originated with that dauntless suffragist, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and was sponsored by the National Woman Suffrage Association was sufficient reason at that time for declining affiliation with it, even if the General Federation had not been ‘a sovereign and international body.’ The General Federation in 1894 was itself still an experiment, composed of only 350 individual clubs and four State Federations, besides a few clubs from India, Ceylon and South Australia. It was vitally important that it watch its step and assume no relationships that might seem questionable to large numbers of club women. Not until twenty-two years later was it deemed safe to indorse the enfranchisement of women (1916). The cause of suffrage always came first with Mrs. Sewall, with International Peace and Temperance close seconds. She was a woman of broad vision, possessed remarkable organizing talent,

and usually carried her point; but in this instance she failed to put through her cherished plan and her interest in the General Federation gradually waned."

Mrs. Mary E. Mumford, Pennsylvania, in an address, "Yesterday—The Magic Motto, Unity in Diversity," said: "Scarcely was the young organization started on her course than a sister society, the National Council of Women, besought her to come and nestle under her wing. But the Federation found a Washington in her first president, (Mrs. Brown) who counseled that she 'make no entangling alliances,' but work out her own salvation, albeit it might be with fear and trembling. It meant real courage to maintain this stand against so seductive a pleader as May Wright Sewall." And again we have Mrs. Mumford's picture of her as, "May Wright Sewall, of Indiana, elegant in dress and bearing, polished in diction, clever in debate, fertile in resource."

GFWC CHARTER

Later in 1900 when the General Federation applied to Congress for a Federal Charter, we again find Mrs. Sewall's name before the convention as one of a special committee to draft and secure this charter, and also as one of the signers.

Another Indiana woman also mentioned prominently at this time was Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks, Indianapolis, who was serving as Director. Senator Fairbanks rendered the committee great assistance, as he personally attended to the progress. The last act of the 56th Congress was the passage of House Bill 5715 for the charter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and it was also the last bill signed by President William McKinley.

RATIFICATION CONVENTION

The invitations to the Ratification Convention (1890) were sent only to such clubs as had already applied for membership in the new General Federation of Women's Clubs and they were signed by the following Advisory Board:

Ella Dietz Clymer, Chairman
M. Louise Thomas
Sophia C. Hoffman, Treasurer
Amelia K. Wing
Charlotte Emerson Brown
J. C. Croly, Secretary
Mary R. Hall

At this first Convention of the General Federation, Indiana sent 9 delegates, the third largest number in attendance, Massachusetts sending 17 and New York 10. There were 63 delegates in all, representing 17 states.

The following Indiana clubs sent delegates:

Woman's Reading Club, Terre Haute, Mrs. R. A. Morris
Amaranth, New Albany, Miss S. M. Winstandly

Woman's Club, Indianapolis, Mrs. May Wright Sewall
Katharine Merrill Club, Indianapolis, Mrs. W. A. Ketcham
Woman's Club, Shelbyville, Mrs. George Hodell
Helen Hunt Club, Cambridge City, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith
Woman's Club, Muncie, Mrs. Caroline J. McCulloch
The Cycle, Richmond, Mrs. Martha Evans Martin (Josephine E.)
The Fortnightly, Indianapolis
Tourist Club, Frankfort

Since no one is named for the last two clubs, it is presumed that the clubs sent its request for membership but sent no delegate to this Ratification Convention.

Sorosis was again the hostess for this convention. Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer was the president, as well as the chairman of the Federation Committee and presided over the meetings. On the morning of election day, three names were placed in nomination for president—Mrs. Clymer, Mrs. Jennie C. Croly, founder of Sorosis, and Mrs. Charlotte Emerson Brown of Orange, New Jersey. Mrs. Clymer and Mrs. Croly declined the honor and Mrs. Brown was elected unanimously as the first president of the General Federation. Our own Mrs. May Wright Sewall was elected vice president; Miss Mary B. Temple, Tennessee, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Croly, recording secretary; Mrs. Phoebe A. Heast, California, treasurer and Mrs. Kate Tannatt Wood, Massachusetts, auditor. In addition to these regular officers there were a large number, who by virtue of their offices as presidents of various clubs represented, became vice presidents in accordance with the newly adopted constitution and by-laws.

"In this way the General Federation was launched with high hopes and aspirations. The women who were instrumental in bringing about this unification of world-wide activities among their own sex were women of prophetic vision." (GFWC History.)

PIONEER WORKERS FROM INDIANA

So Indiana may well be proud of those first two outstanding women who gave so generously of their talents that we of today might benefit. And in the list of Pioneer workers from Indiana we find:

Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis
Mrs. George C. Hitt, Indianapolis
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, South Bend
Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, Indianapolis
Mrs. Walter Olds, Fort Wayne
Mrs. J. M. Studebaker, South Bend
Mrs. Ryall T. Miller, South Bend
Mrs. Charles B. Sidy, Michigan City
Mrs. Henry D. Pierce, Indianapolis
Mrs. Wm. E. Woollen, Indianapolis
Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Irvington, Indianapolis

1889—General Federation of Women's Clubs

"Indiana had her Union of Literary Clubs, which while it could not be called strictly a woman's organization since the delegate body included both men and women, was nevertheless a direct result of the inspiration of the Sorosis Birthday Celebration at which the General Federation idea had birth." (Mary I. Wood's History GFWC. p. 33.)

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke in an article on the club movement in Indiana says: "It is interesting to note the similarity of the aims of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs and the newly launched General Federation of Women's Clubs, whose constitution had been adopted two months earlier. The latter provided that the chief object of a club seeking membership must be 'literary, artistic or scientific culture,' while the Indiana Union declared that the object must be 'the study of literature, art or music.' The General Federation constitution went farther, for it distinctly stated that 'the more broadly human movements may be recognized.' As a matter of fact, however, both organizations, like the clubs composing them, were for some time confined to what are known as 'cultural' objectives, and many of the subjects that now engage the earnest attention of club women would then have seemed entirely out of place.

"Miss Elizabeth Nicholson (to whom is due the honor of having brought to a culmination the Union of Literary Clubs) was a Quaker and an advocate of woman suffrage, who believed in the equality of the sexes in all the relations of life. Moreover, she had for years been a member of a club composed of both men and women, the College Corner Club of Indianapolis, (believed to be the first mixed club in the State, 1872) and its meetings were notable for free discussion, literary flavor and social charm. Among its members were judges, lawyers, ministers, physicians, teachers in grade and high schools and mothers of families. It is said David Starr Jordan 'took his first flight as a poet when a member of this club.' Miss Nicholson knew of a few mixed clubs in other towns and heard only golden opinions expressed regarding them. What more natural than that the new Union should admit not only women's clubs but clubs of men and also mixed clubs? The idea seems to have appealed strongly to those in charge of launching the new venture. Women's clubs largely predominated, but the College Corner Club was older than any club in the new Union, and it was freely prophesied that the mixed club was to be the club of the future. The delegates from the College Corner Club to the Richmond Convention (first convention of the Union, 1890) were Captain Horace McKay and his wife, Martha Nicholson McKay, sister of Miss Nicholson and founder of The Woman's Club, Indianapolis. Both took part in the discussions, a pleasing object lesson that made an impression. So the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs made no sex discrimination, a fact destined to cause embarrassment and much unhappiness later on.

"The General Federation of Women's Clubs made no mention of State Federations in the body of its recently adopted Constitution. There were no State Federations as yet, but Article IX of the By-laws declared: 'Any State or Territorial Federations, including ten clubs in its membership may, upon application, be recognized as a branch of the General Federation.' So the possibility of State Federations in the future must have been recognized.

FIRST STATE ORGANIZATION

"The credit of having formed the first state federation of strictly women's clubs must be accorded to Maine." (GFWC History, p. 53.) Then on page 54 of the same history we read: "At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Federation, held May 19, 1893, immediately following the Council Meeting, the Iowa Federation of forty-five clubs was admitted, the first state federation to join the parent organization." But the Indiana Union was holding its third annual convention that year, with Miss Elizabeth Nicholson as its president.

STATUS OF THE INDIANA UNION OF LITERARY CLUBS

Of the Board meeting of the General Federation held in New York City in 1900, Mrs. Wood says, "A letter of inquiry was received from the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, asking if that body was eligible to membership in the General Federation. . . ." The matter caused considerable discussion (no doubt because of the fact that the Union included several "mixed" clubs in its membership) and a reply was sent (See Mrs. Swain's administration, 1899, Indiana Union) stating that the UNION WAS ELIGIBLE, that a payment of one dollar per club would be required and the basis of representation would be upon the same basis as that of state federations. It was further stated that the Union would be received simply as a union of literary clubs." Therefore, since the Union was organized in June of 1890 and since according to the records of the General Federation, the Union was eligible to membership, the honor of having formed the first state club organization should rightfully, we believe, be accorded to Indiana.

"The officers of the General Federation in the beginning were a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer, an auditor and eight directors. The directors were elected at the Biennial, as were the other officers. The representative in each state was the General Federation Secretary until 1916 when the organization was changed by abolishing the eight directors and electing a Director from each state, who had been nominated by the respective state at its annual convention." (Historical Edition, IFC Clubwoman, 1927.)

Each year there has been added to the roster of those serving the General Federation a list of Indiana women prominent in many walks of life. (See appendix Indiana Club Women Serving GFWC.)

1874—The Woman's Club, Greencastle

The oldest club in our present state federation is the Woman's Club of Greencastle, organized February 14, 1874, although as Miss Ames, the one living charter member, says, ". . . it actually had its beginning in November 1873, when two young women, Mary Frances Donnohue and Elizabeth Ames, taking a walk together in Greencastle and confiding in each other the wish for a more expansive life, conceived the idea of such an organization. They had heard of the Sorosis of New York and felt that if New York could have a club for women so could Greencastle, Indiana."

"Their desire to form a woman's study club was frowned upon by many of the best people of the community as 'much too advanced' for womanly women of the period. After several months' work, however, a group of sixteen earnest women was formed and the daring step was taken.

"From the beginning, the club took itself seriously. The programs were lengthy and profound. Parliamentary procedure was followed with great strictness. Curiously enough, the club grew steadily in the esteem of the community, and membership in it became a coveted honor. For seventeen years it was the only woman's club in the county.

"While it was primarily a literary club, the members were keenly interested in community affairs and no request for aid in any civic project was refused. The Woman's Club was a pioneer. It opened a vast new field of opportunity to women, and it created club-consciousness in the community.

"The Woman's Club was federated in 1896. It was a member of both the Literary Union and the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs at the time the two bodies were united to form the present federation. It has kept pace with Federation objectives. . . . Only one charter member, Miss Elizabeth Ames, is living. She is actively interested in the club, rarely misses a meeting and is an inspiration to all her co-workers. She is as forward looking and as advanced as she was in that day, so long ago, when she shocked the community with her determination to 'lure women from their duties as home-makers' to become members of that 'unspeakable menace,' a Woman's Club." (Special Edition Indpls. Star, 1936.)

In a booklet published in 1936, which explains the aims and purposes of the club, Miss Ames has put into definite form the ideals of the founders and recorded what seems to her the preeminent achievements of the club during the sixty-three years of continuous existence. The preamble to the Constitution was written by Dr. John Ridpath (husband of Mrs. Roxanna Ridpath, a member of the Club). Dr. Rid-

path was an eminent historian and always interested in anything pertaining to the advancement of women. The preamble reads:

"With a desire to extend our knowledge by study, to investigate for ourselves leading questions of the day and to attain and enjoy a higher intellectual social and moral culture, we whose names are hereto appended do constitute ourselves a society, and for the government of the same do ordain the following Constitution and By-Laws. . . ."

Mrs. Hester Downey was the first president (Mrs. Downey died shortly after the club was organized without having presided at a single meeting) and Miss Frances Donnohue, later Mrs. J. R. Miller, was secretary.

The club has had many distinguished members during its existence. Mrs. Belle Mansfield, then Dean of Women at DePauw University, "the first woman in the United States to be admitted to the bar; however, she never practiced law, but became a great educator." Miss Minnetta Taylor was elected the third president of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs. Three state secretaries have been members of the Woman's Club—Mrs. Nellie Anderson, Mrs. Robert A. Ogg, who was also Parliamentarian, and Mrs. Frank Donner. Mrs. Frank Tilden was the first Poet Laureate of the Indiana Federation.

Miss Ames was elected a delegate to the Convention of Sorosis held in New York in March, 1889. She says, "I was unable to go, but sent my report by Mrs. Waldo, a former member of our club who was living in New York. However, I was credited by this convention with being there and the report was published in the convention proceedings. It is now in our City Library."

Another interesting item gleaned from the history of the club is in Miss Ames' own words: "In 1926 Mrs. Miller (Miss Frances Donnohue) and I were invited by the president of the State Federation (Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan) to be guests of honor at the meeting to be held in Indianapolis. . . . There we met Chic Jackson, the cartoonist. He said he often wondered how the movement of club women ever received its start and was glad to meet the originators; our club being the oldest (in the Federation) in the State of Indiana with Constitution and By-Laws that has had a continuous existence." With an original membership of twenty-five, the unlimited membership today is thirty-four.

1875—Indianapolis *Fort Wayne Woman's Club* Woman's Club, Indianapolis

The second oldest club in the state is The Indianapolis Woman's Club, organized February 18, 1875, little more than a year after the Woman's Club of Greencastle.

The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Martha N. McKay, sister of Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, to whom is accorded the honor of forming the Indiana Union. Miss Nicholson was not present, however, at this first meeting.

Mrs. Laura Giddings Julian (mother of Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, president of the Indiana Federation, 1909-10) was elected the first president, 1875, and Mrs. McKay, secretary.

The following excerpt taken from a letter written by Grace Giddings Julian to her cousin Kate Giddings, of Jefferson, Ohio, and which was read on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Indianapolis Woman's Club in 1925 under the caption "As The Little Daughter of the President Sees the Club," gives an amusing and authentic picture of that early meeting: "Mama wore her black lace bunting dress and her English walking hat, also her silk dolman and dark green kid gloves; also a red geranium with a rose-geranium leaf pinned on her waist. She looked very nice. Bedford took her in the carriage and he had to wash the carriage first. It didn't get quite dry, but Mama said she must not be late at the club because she is president. But she was late after all, because Meg lost a shoe off. So Mrs. McKay had to start the club. It was at her house, away up at 135 Ash St."

Among the famous first seven (when the final organization was effected there were twelve and it was voted to include these as founders) are the names of May Wright Sewall, Mary A. McGregory, Catharine Merrill, Margaret D. Clusett and others whose names are prominent in the history of this and other clubs in Indianapolis, as well as in the educational work of the state.

The difficulties encountered in those days in securing membership among married women is well illustrated by some of the stories related by the Indianapolis Women. "After weeks of effort, the organization meeting of the Woman's Club was scheduled for February 18, 1875 and only seven women could be prevailed upon to come. One wrote, 'I find my mission in taking care of my several little girls, and I do not wish for other work. Nor do I think I could either give or receive help by aiding your project.' Another one, in a critical tenor, admonished, 'I should think you could see that your God-given duties point in another direction,' and so in the face of infinite explanation and information, giving repeated assurance that it was not the purpose to form a suffrage society, or a branch of the then newly organized temperance crusade; that its work would not be irreligious; that it was not likely to be followed by strange climatic changes or

terrestrial convulsions or immediate mental revolutions, seven women, in most sincere and serious mood, founded the Indianapolis Woman's Club." (Martha Nicholson McKay, Literary Clubs of Indiana, Bowen Merrill Co. 1894.)

"THE OBJECT"

The object of the Indianapolis Woman's Club reads: "To form an organized center for the mental and social culture of its members and for the improvement of domestic life. To this end the Association shall encourage a liberal interchange of thought by papers and discussions upon all subjects pertaining to its objects."

Many of the early subjects discussed were in relation to women and their work. It is interesting to note that the first question discussed in the club was "To be a good housekeeper, is it necessary to devote one's entire time to the work?" This paper was given by Nancy G. Roberts.

The club increased during the first year to twenty-one members. The limit of seventy-five was soon reached and its reputation became so well established that a waiting list grew into proportions that compelled further enlargement. Later on we find a member of the club writing: "While our club life has done very much for us in the way of general information and variety of culture, it has done more in the development of character and a higher social life."

FIRST RECIPROCITY COMMITTEE

In 1882 we find the first intimation of Reciprocity in club work here in Indiana and Mrs. May Wright Sewall of the Woman's Club was appointed chairman of a committee to formulate plans. (See Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart's administration, 1900.)

INDIANAPOLIS PROPYLAEUM

In April 1888 Mrs. Sewall was appointed chairman of a committee of seven women from the club to find a suitable room in which to hold their meetings. From this quest came the inspiration for the building of the Indianapolis Propylaeum. All the initial steps taken and preparatory work was done by this club and it ". . . must stand forever as an honorable memorial to the Woman's Club of Indianapolis."

It is to be regretted that the Indianapolis Woman's Club, the second oldest club in Indiana, and from which came the inspiration for a state organization, the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, the forerunner of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, should have seen fit on April 1, 1927, to withdraw its membership.

1890—Provisory Committee, Indianapolis Woman's Club

The Indianapolis Woman's Club has the proud distinction of being the inspiration of the first state organization of clubs, and Miss Elizabeth Nicholson is given credit for that inspiration.

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke wrote (*Indpls. Star*, July 7, 1923): "Miss Elizabeth Nicholson first conceived the idea of a state club organization in Indiana and she took the lead in bringing it about. This is an honor that must always be hers." Then in the May 9, 1926, issue of the same paper, Mrs. Clarke wrote: "The death of Miss Elizabeth Nicholson at the age of 93 removes an interesting link with the long ago and with some once unpopular causes that finally came to prevail because of the very qualities possessed by individuals like herself."

Quoting from an article on "The Indianapolis Woman's Club and the Federation Movement," by Mrs. Clarke: "Following this meeting (Soros) there was, of course, a great deal of talk in club circles about the proposed federation and perhaps there were timid souls who doubted the expediency or wisdom of such a step. Mrs. Henry Coburn (Mary Coburn) had been elected president of the Indianapolis Woman's Club the same month, and Miss Elizabeth Nicholson was chairman of the executive committee. The custom in this club then was that the president-elect and the executive committee should plan the program for President's Day, that is, the first meeting in the autumn. At Miss Nicholson's suggestion it was decided to open the year 1889-1890 with an afternoon reception to representatives of the women's literary clubs of Indiana, and Miss Nicholson was requested to take the lead in ascertaining how many such clubs there were and in inviting each club to send two representatives to a reception on October fourth in the chapel of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church where the club then held its meetings. Miss Nicholson spent a busy summer, and succeeded in locating twenty-six clubs, twenty-two of which sent delegates, so that the Woman's Club had the pleasure of entertaining 44 guests, both men and women, on that occasion. Miss Nicholson, in speaking of the Indiana clubs, said: 'There were men's clubs, women's clubs and clubs of men and women.' (The Indianapolis Literary Club was composed of men only with Nathaniel A. Hyde, president and Theodore L. Sewall, secretary.) Whether or not Miss Nicholson's inspiration came directly from the Soros meeting is not known. Mrs. Winters, had, of course, made her report to the Woman's Club, and it had probably been supplemented by Mrs. Sewall and Mrs. Ketcham.

"At the reception on October 4, 1889, Mrs. Coburn delivered an address, the subject of which is not known, but in which she

expressed the hope that the meeting might result in a closer union of the club women of the State and the better and more effective work that comes from strong organization and mutual help. At the conclusion of Mrs. Coburn's talk Mrs. Sewall invited the delegates to meet at her home the following morning to take action in regard to the formation of a State federation of clubs, but there is no record showing whether or not Mrs. Sewall's invitation was accepted. Mrs. E. F. Hodges (Laura Fletcher) then extended an invitation to members of the Woman's Club, visiting delegates and their friends to a reception that same evening at her residence. This reception, I have been told, took place and was a delightful affair, but there is no further mention of it in the minutes.

"An instrumental solo was then rendered by Mrs. L. S. Kiser, a delegate from the Ladies' Matinee Musicale of Indianapolis, after which the club and guests adjourned to another room where refreshments were served. Toasts were responded to by the following, but unfortunately no subjects are recorded, although it is likely they all touched on the idea of a union or federation: Mrs. A. M. Robertson (Carrie F.) of the Ladies' Musicale of Indianapolis; Mrs. Carrie McCullough of the Muncie Woman's Club (the oldest club in Muncie, organized in January 1876); Mrs. Van Sickle, Tourist Club, Frankfort; Mrs. J. V. Kent, Frankfort Woman's Club; a delegate (no name given) from the Decorative Art Society of Terre Haute; Mrs. Carrie W. Wright, Clio Club, Indianapolis; Mrs. Harvey Bates (Charlotte C.) of the Katharine Merrill Club of Indianapolis (a club named in honor of a successful and much loved teacher of that city, Catharine Merrill)." "Modesty," said Mrs. Clarke, "must have been the cause of the change in spelling of the first name to 'Katharine.' Upon her death in 1900 the club voted to adopt her very own name properly spelled, 'Catharine Merrill.'" "Miss Mary Nicholson and Professor J. B. Roberts of the College Corner Club, Indianapolis; a delegate (name not given) from the Tuesday Club of Richmond; Miss Emma Zeller, Aftermath Club, Richmond; Mrs. J. E. Martin, Cycle Club, Richmond; Mrs. J. S. Craft, Monday Club and Mrs. Stanley Coulter, Parlor Club, both of Lafayette; Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Helen Hunt Club, Cambridge City; Mrs. Mary Hassett Hussey, Round Table, Wabash; Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks (Cornelia C.), Fortnightly Literary Club, Indianapolis; Mrs. J. S. Campbell, Athenaeum, Crawfordsville; Mrs. Beich, Woman's Reading Club, Greencastle. Four of these afterwards served as presidents of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs. Mrs. Morris Ross was toastmistress and the meeting adjourned at six p. m. The total expense of the reception is given as \$89.12. Whether the delegates were entertained in private homes or went to hotels is not stated.

"In January 1890 following this reception Miss Nicholson wrote letters to the three Richmond clubs that had sent delegates to the Indianapolis meeting of the Woman's Club, stating that the executive committee of the club, of which she was chairman, with the sanction of the club, was acting as a provisory committee in attempting the union of the literary clubs of the State, enclosing a preliminary constitution for their consideration, with suggestions as to program, number of sessions for the convention, and offering to Richmond the honor of holding the convention, (as it seemed advisable to have some definite time and place of meeting to give in making the announcement.)" And as Miss Nicholson said at a later date, "This place was chosen because of the friendly spirit and because in the two great meeting houses (Friends') the messages of women were of equal value to those of the men."

"The three Richmond clubs, the Cycle, Aftermath and Tuesday, voted to adopt the constitution submitted, to hold the convention and to bear all expenses incurred in so doing. Two members of each of the three clubs were selected as a local committee in charge of arrangements." (Mary B. L. Starr and Emily A. M. Stubbs of the Cycle; Elizabeth R. Hempleman and Julia W. Clark of the Aftermath, a woman's club, and Ella B. Johnson and the Hon. William Dudley Foulke of the Tuesday Club, a large mixed club.)

From the report of the Secretary, Emma Zeller, we quote: "These six elected Josephine E. Martin of Richmond as president of the Union and Emma Zeller, secretary. June 5, 1890 (which was later changed to June 4) was the date chosen for the Convention and the result was reported to the Provisory committee of the Indianapolis Club. Later this committee was changed, as follows: The vacancy, occuring by Mrs. Hempleman's leaving the city for an indefinite length of time, was filled by the election of Fannie Robinson to fill that place. The Matinee Musicale joining the Union, the committee was increased by the addition of Laura C. Gaston and Camilla R. Hutton; and still further by Margaret E. Dennis and Evangeline Mawhood from the Rundtafel, which joined later.

"Twenty-two clubs besides the six in Richmond have joined the Union. The Richmond committee has remained in constant correspondence with the Provisory committee of Indianapolis through their chairman and correspondent, Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, with whom the idea of a state union of literary clubs originated."

Quoting again from Mrs. Clarke's article: "The following is from the annual report of the executive committee of the Indianapolis Woman's Club given at the closing meeting of the year, June 6, 1890: '... the work of the year is crowned by the organization to be known in the future as the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs. A preliminary Constitution, prepared by your executive committee and submitted

with its first report to this society, was copied and sent to more than thirty clubs. Twenty-six of them were represented at the first convention at Richmond, June 4.

"Article IX states that any Indiana club having for its object the study of literature, art or music shall be eligible to this Union. Just bordering on these were Chautauqua clubs and reading circles, organizations in churches and college societies which although perfectly officered and having kindred subjects were not accepted because not independent of outside and parental influences, and as demarcation is essential, it was drawn here.

(Signed) Elizabeth Nicholson
Carina B. Eaglesfield
Helen R. Edson
Evaline M. Holliday

"The Richmond convention had been held only two days before, and Miss Nicholson must have been happy in the consciousness that her efforts of almost a year had resulted in what seemed a brilliant success."

SECOND PERIOD

1890 to 1906

INDIANA CLUB UNION

INDIANA UNION OF LITERARY CLUBS

PRESIDENTS

- 1890 Josephine E. Martin (Mrs. Edwin C.)
- 1891 Mary Foster McGregory (Mrs. A. B.)
- 1892 Miss Elizabeth Nicholson
- 1893 Mary H. Smart (Mrs. James H.)
- 1894 Alice Peacock Dryer (Mrs. Charles R.)
- 1895 Virginia Claypool Meredith
- 1896 Annie Keyes Conner (Mrs. O. W.)
- 1897 Miss Merica Evans Hoagland
- 1898 Professor John Benjamin Wisely
- 1899 Frances Morgan Swain Miller (Mrs. John A.)
- 1900 Emma Montgomery McRae (Mrs. Hamilton S.)
- 1901 Aristene Noyes Felts (Mrs. George F.)
- 1902 Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins
- 1903 Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl
- 1904 Mrs. Eva Buttles Rohbock
- 1905 Anna L. Saylor (Mrs. Frank L.)
- 1906 Virginia Claypool Meredith



Josephine E. Martin

FIRST CONVENTION

(Indiana Club Union)

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

RICHMOND, JUNE 4, 1890

PRESIDENT

JOSEPHINE E. MARTIN (MRS. EDWIN C.), RICHMOND
(MARTHA EVANS MARTIN)

In the Historical Edition of the Indiana Club Woman, published in 1927, we find the following interesting commentary concerning Mrs. Martin: "It was most auspicious for our Federation that an outstanding woman should have been organizing president. Born in Terre Haute, reared in Sullivan, graduated from DePauw University, Martha Evans became Secretary to Wm. Dudley Foulke and Court Reporter

in Wayne County, the second woman in Indiana to serve in that position. Here she met Edwin C. Martin, editor and owner of the "Richmond Daily Telegram," whom she married, and became associate editor of the paper. Thus was she known in 1890—a woman with high literary attainments, proven executive ability and a future of great promise. In 1891 they moved to New York City, where Mr. Martin was one of the owners and editors of "McClure's" and Mrs. Martin edited "Demorest's Magazine" from 1896 to 1900. (While the minutes of the first Convention of the Indiana Union are signed "Josephine E. Martin, President," it seems that Mrs. Martin used the name "Martha Evans Martin" after moving to New York.)

"From a girl she was interested in Astronomy and published two very successful volumes, 'Friendly Stars' (1907) and 'Ways of the Planets' (1912), which have proved unusually popular works on a scientific subject. She was deeply interested in nature and at the close of her life was maintaining 'Martinbox' as an ornithological station for banding birds, working under the supervision of the State Game Warden and the United States Biological Survey.

"During the World War, she was one of the few 'Dollar a Year' women, serving as Executive Chairman of the Department of Educational Propaganda on the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt paid her a great tribute, saying, 'She gave of herself to the last limit of possibility in continual labor, hour after hour and day after day, to make known in a sane and sensible way the American attitude toward the war.'

"She never forgot that she was a Hoosier and attributed much of her success to that fact. She is quoted as saying, 'Because I grew up in Indiana I possessed a certain faith in myself, a certain belief that I was as good as any one else. The Hoosier has a rustic quality that helps him succeed. By rustic, I don't mean uncouthness nor lack of polish. But I do mean the spirit that comes from growing up in a place where each individual is an individual, not merely one in millions, as he would be in New York. It gives him confidence in himself and the will to do and to dare.'"

Ida M. Tarbell speaks of Mrs. Martin in the introduction to the Memorial Book printed in memory of her sister by Elizabeth J. Evans, New York City, 1926 (Mrs. Martin having passed away, January, 1925): "The really precious thing, however, which Martha Martin has left us is the sense of her personality—so vigorous, courageous, cheerful, so redolent of the woods and the air, as well as of the world of human thought and beauty. She gave us the sense of life because of her own first-hand contacts with life, and this will always linger with us. Those who knew Martha Martin can never forget her any more than they can forget the stars and birds which she loved and to our knowledge of which she contributed so much."

1890 FIRST CONVENTION OFFICERS

We find but two officers elected (by the three Richmond Clubs represented at the reception in Indianapolis) to carry out the program for the first convention of the INDIANA CLUB UNION (name changed to the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs at this meeting) held in the First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, June 3 and 4, 1890—Josephine E. Martin, who served as president through this first convention only, and Emma Zeller, secretary-treasurer.

On page six of the printed minutes and constitution of this first convention, we read:

The first business before the house, being organization into a permanent association, the following preliminary constitution, which had been prepared by the Woman's Club of Indianapolis, and accepted by the various clubs represented, as a basis upon which to form a permanent organization, was presented for further consideration and taken up article by article.

After careful consideration of each article of the preliminary constitution the constitution as finally adopted was, as follows:

CONSTITUTION AND STANDING RULES

of the

INDIANA UNION OF LITERARY CLUBS

CONSTITUTION

Article I. This Association shall be called the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs.

Article II. Its object shall be the discussion, in open annual meeting, of all questions pertaining to Social, Educational or Literary matters.

Article III. It shall be composed of two delegates from each club represented. Members of any club belonging to the Union may attend the meetings and speak to questions under discussion.

Article IV. The officers of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs shall consist of a President, Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and an Executive Committee of five or more members.

All officers of the Society shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

The President of each club belonging to the Union shall be a Vice President of the Union.

Article V. The officers shall be elected annually from delegates of the several clubs represented.

The Secretary and Executive Committee shall be elected or appointed from the town where the Club Union will meet.

Article VI. The Executive Committee shall prepare a program from the topics submitted by the different clubs and in harmony with the thought expressed in Article II.

Article VII. A committee of five shall be elected from the delegates to the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, to select from topics presented, subjects for discussion at the coming convention. These topics shall be in harmony with Article II.

Article VIII. No expense shall be incurred by the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs except for audience room, printing and correspondence.

Two dollars shall be the annual dues from each club belonging.

The Secretary shall take charge of all funds.

Article IX. Any Indiana club that has for its object the study of Literature, Art, or Music, is eligible to membership in this Union.

STANDING RULES

Election of President

Different candidates may be presented by viva voce nomination, each of which shall be seconded by a delegate from a different club. From these nominations the President of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs shall be elected by ballot. A majority of votes shall elect. If, after the first count by tellers appointed by the President, no one candidate has received a majority, the three (3) names having the highest number of votes shall be voted for till one of the names has received a majority of the votes of the delegates present.

Appointment of the Executive Committee

The Presidents of the clubs where the meeting is to be held shall appoint a chairman and other members of the Executive Committee.

A reception from 8 to 10 in the parlors of the church with the Richmond Clubs as hostesses, opened the first convention. The program shows the business session opened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, and continued one and one-half hours. What a contrast to our present day conventions when a week is barely sufficient time to care for the multitudinous affairs coming before our organization today for our consideration. Then the program was presented by the members themselves and we read that Miss C. Hooker, Evansville, spoke on "Collegiate and Industrial Education for Women," with Miss E. Nicholson, Indianapolis, discussionist. "A Programme for Club Work" was Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith's subject and the discussion was led by Miss Laura Ream, Indianapolis. Mrs. Mary Marsh, Muncie, talked on "What Authors Should Busy People Read," and Mrs. Flora T. McLaughlin, Greencastle, led in the discussion.

CHARTER MEMBER CLUBS

From the minutes we take the following list of delegates, and their respective clubs, who may be considered as Charter Members of the Union:

- Indianapolis Woman's Club; Miss Elizabeth Nicholson and Mrs. Elizabeth Hitt.
- Woman's Reading Club, Greencastle; Mrs. Flora T. McLaughlin and Mrs. G. C. Smythe.
- Woman's Reading Club, Brazil; Mrs. Elizabeth Black and Mrs. Alice Greenough.
- Woman's Club, Frankfort; Miss Ollie Palmer.
- Tourist Club, Frankfort; Mrs. J. V. Kent and Miss Lena M. Bryant.
- College Corner Club, Indianapolis; Capt. H. W. McKay and Mrs. McKay.
- Fortnightly Literary Club, Indianapolis; Miss Laura Ream.
- Afternoon Club, Lafayette; Miss Kate Andrew and Miss Ida V. Smith.
- Woman's Club, Muncie; Mrs. Mary Marsh and Mrs. Mary Phinney.
- Helen Hunt Club, Cambridge City; Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith and Mrs. Sue Logan Marson.
- Ladies' Literary Society, Brazil; Mrs. Florence Triplett and Mrs. Lucia Knight.
- Katharine Merrill Club, Indianapolis; Mrs. Mary A. McGregory and Mrs. J. S. Ketcham.
- Monday Club, Lafayette; Mrs. Wright.
- Cary Club, Milton; Mrs. Charlotte Jones and Miss Luella Morris.
- Parlor Club, Lafayette; Mrs. S. Vater.
- Woman's Reading Club, Terre Haute; Miss Mitchell and Mrs. Lizzie P. Waters.
- Athenian, Crawfordsville; Mrs. T. H. B. McCain and Mrs. Anna M. Perrin.
- Saturday Circle, Terre Haute; Mrs. Carrie McTaggart and Mrs. N. Wilson Moore.
- Round Table, Wabash; Mrs. E. C. Mendenhall and Mrs. H. B. Shiveley.
- Tuesday Literary Circle, Terre Haute; Mrs. Spottswood and Mrs. Rodenbeck.
- The Cycle, Richmond; Mrs. Mary B. L. Starr and Mrs. Emily A. M. Stubbs.
- Aftermath, Richmond; Mrs. Julia W. Clark and Miss Fannie Robinson.
- Tuesday Club, Richmond; Mrs. M. F. Johnston.

Ladies' Matinee Musicale, Richmond; Miss Laura G. Gaston and Miss Camilla R. Hutton.

Rundtafel, Richmond; Mrs. Margaret E. Dennis and Miss Evangeline Mawhood.**

Ticknor Club, Richmond; Mrs. Martha E. Lemon and Mrs. Laura V. Davis.

The Woman's Literary Society, LaPorte, and the Ladies' Literary Club of Evansville do not appear on this list, but are shown on the list of clubs and delegates printed in the program of that date, which leads one to believe that these clubs were not represented at the initial meeting.

CHANGE OF NAME

At this first convention, June 4, 1890, the motion was made to change the name from "The Indiana Club Union" to "The Indiana Union of Literary Clubs," and after a very lengthy discussion the motion was finally carried and the organization was known by the latter name until its consolidation with "The Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs" in 1906.

An invitation to hold the second convention in Terre Haute was read by Mrs. Lizzie P. Waters, a delegate from The Woman's Reading Club, and accepted.

Nominations for president were made from the floor with the result that Mary Foster McGregory (Mrs. A. B.), Indianapolis, was elected the second president of the Union.



Mary Foster Gregory

SECOND CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

TERRE HAUTE, 1891

PRESIDENT

MARY FOSTER MCGREGORY (MRS. A. B.), INDIANAPOLIS

Mrs. McGregory who was elected by the Richmond Convention the second president of the Indiana Union, was a member of the Indianapolis Woman's Club, which had sponsored the organization of the Union. She was a delegate from the Katharine Merrill Club of Indianapolis. Mrs. McGregory, born in Ohio in 1849, had come to Indianapolis as a bride in 1871. Both she and her husband were

members of the "College Corner Club" of that city. She was a teacher of Mathematics in the Indianapolis High School for some years and active in club work. Mrs. McGregory's club life in Indiana terminated with the death of her husband in 1898 and her removal to Michigan and later to Missouri, where she lived until her death and burial in Indianapolis, January, 1912. (Mrs. Charles L. Stubbs, Historical Edition, 1927.)

OFFICERS

President, Mary Foster McGregory (Mrs. A. B.) Indianapolis

Vice Presidents

Mrs. Jane E. Ireland, Ladies' Literary Society, Brazil.
 Mrs. Anne Crouch, Woman's Reading Club, Brazil.
 Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Helen Hunt Club, Cambridge City.
 Mrs. F. J. Harrison, Athenian, Crawfordsville.
 Miss Christine Hooker, Ladies' Literary Club, Evansville.
 Mrs. Augusta Adams, Woman's Club, Frankfort.
 Mrs. Dora C. Adams, Tourist Club, Frankfort.
 Miss Belle Hanna, Woman's Reading Club, Greencastle.
 Mrs. Wm. A. Belle, Woman's Club, Indianapolis.
 Mrs. J. L. Ketcham, Katharine Merrill Club, Indianapolis.
 Mrs. J. H. Baldwin, Fortnightly, Indianapolis.
 Mrs. Lois G. Hufford, College Corner Club, Indianapolis.
 Rev. W. P. Kane, Parlor Club, Lafayette.
 Mrs. J. H. Smart, Monday Club, Lafayette.
 Mrs. Jane C. Harvey, Afternoon Club, Lafayette.
 Mrs. Frank A. Boyd, Ladies' Literary Society, LaPorte.
 Mrs. Martha Morris, Cary Circle, Milton.
 Mrs. Carrie McCullough, Woman's Club, Muncie.
 Miss Lydia Starr, Cycle, Richmond.
 Mrs. Mattie C. Dennis, Aftermath, Richmond.
 Miss Laura C. Gaston, Ladies' Matinee Musicale, Richmond.
 Miss Emma Zeller, Ticknor Club, Richmond.
 Miss Marcia Mitchell, Woman's Club, Terre Haute.
 Miss S. Scott, Saturday Circle, Terre Haute.
 Mrs. Rodenbeck, Tuesday Circle, Terre Haute.
 Mrs. Nelson Zeigler, Round Table, Wabash.

Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Nathan Newby, Terre Haute. (Apparently Mrs. Newby did not serve, as the minutes for the second convention are signed "Kate Ijams, Secretary.")

Executive Committee

Mrs. W. H. Wiley, Chairman

Mrs. Dr. Weinstein

Mrs. Nathan Newby

Mrs. James Gordon

Mrs. C. W. Conn

Mrs. Dr. Moore

Miss Kate Ijams

Committee to select topics for program

Mrs. Flora T. Laughlin, Chairman

Mrs. Mary B. L. Starr

Mrs. S. Vater

Mr. Wm. Dudley Foulke

Mrs. H. W. McKay

The second convention of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs was held in the Second Congregational Church, Terre Haute, May 7 and 8, 1891. The sessions opened at 3:15 p. m., with the president, Mrs. McGregory, giving a brief address of welcome. Of the 32 clubs responding to roll call Indianapolis had the largest number (8) and Richmond (5).

From the minutes we read: "In addition to the delegates above named, there were present from various cities, many members of constituent clubs, who evinced great interest in all the proceedings and frequently took part in the discussions."

The Ladies' Matinee Musicale of Muncie was admitted to the Union during the afternoon session by the Executive Committee and later on three others were added, bringing the total number of clubs affiliated to 36.

The three Terre Haute clubs belonging to the Union, who were hostesses for the convention, namely; Saturday Circle, Tuesday Literary Club and The Terre Haute Woman's Club, gave a reception for the delegates and a dinner at the Terre Haute Hotel. Upon invitation of President John Mason Duncan, the delegates visited Coates College.

The Friday morning session was called for 8:30, ". . . after some discussion as to the possibility of commencing at such an early hour," and was devoted to the transaction of business, reports of committees, election of officers and the Inaugural Address of the President, Mrs. McGregory.

THE OBJECT OF THE UNION

The object, as set forth in the Constitution, "Shall be the discussion, in open meeting of all questions pertaining to social, educational, or literary matters," and members of the Union presented in an able manner many papers. Those appearing on the program were Mrs. Mattie C. Dennis of the Tuesday Club, Richmond; Hon. T. N. Rice

of The Hoosiers, Rockville; Mr. Septimious Vater of the Parlor Club, Lafayette; Mrs. Mary B. Hussey, Brazil; Mrs. Kate M. Busick, Wabash; Mrs. Emogene Mowrer of The Warsaw Reading Club.

There were six nominees for the presidency; Dr. H. A. Cleveland, Indianapolis; Mrs. Flora T. Laughlin, Greencastle; Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, Indianapolis; Mrs. Lizzie P. Waters, Terre Haute; Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City, and Mrs. R. A. Ogg, Greencastle. Miss Elizabeth Nicholson of The Indianapolis Woman's Club, was elected president and Miss Camilla R. Hutton, Ladies' Matinee Musicale, Richmond, secretary.

Lafayette extended an invitation for the next convention, which was accepted.

It is interesting to note from the treasurer's report that the total receipts were \$124 and the total expenditures, \$41.75. This \$41.75, including printing of minutes and constitution for 1890, audience room, printing programs and correspondence for 1891. (Club women have a reputation as good managers.)

Mrs. Mattie C. Dennis, Tuesday Club, Richmond, "Moved that hereafter in the Convention the help of the Divine Power be recognized." Motion carried.

"THE BULLETIN"

To the discretion of the Executive Committee was left the advisability of printing the Inaugural address of Mrs. McGregory, but the minutes do not show that this was done. However, in the first issue of "The Bulletin," published by Miss Merica Hoagland of Fort Wayne, the next year was "A collection of addresses, papers and discussions of the Third Convention."

The minutes of the convention were signed, "Kate Ijams, Secretary and Mary A. McGregory, President."



Miss Elizabeth Nicholson

THIRD CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

LAFAYETTE, 1892

PRESIDENT

MISS ELIZABETH NICHOLSON, INDIANAPOLIS

"Miss Elizabeth Nicholson was particularly fitted to become the third president of the Union, for, in addition to great capabilities, she had manifested her deep interest in organized womanhood, in the very prominent part she had taken in the founding of the club movement in Indiana.

"Of sturdy Quaker ancestry, she possessed their peculiar sterling

qualities, so blended, as to make her a woman of exceptional gifts. Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke says of her (Indpls. Star, May 9, 1926) 'For generations before her time her family had opposed war as a means of settling disputes; had advocated emancipation of the slaves; had upheld the cause of temperance; had stood for simplicity in dress and household furnishings; had frowned upon profanity and law suits and had recognized equality of rights between the sexes.'

"She was deeply interested in art, attending a special school in Cincinnati, and for many years was herself a teacher of drawing and painting in the Ohio Female College. After she moved to Indianapolis many people will recall the delightful enthusiasm of her instruction in the studio which she established in her own home. Mrs. Stubbs, Seventh District Historian, writes of her art work: 'The combination of her personal charm and her love of beauty in both nature and art, made an indelible impression on both pupils and friends. Her most extensive art work was accomplished between 1870 and 1890.' Mrs. Fredrick G. Balz, in speaking of Miss Nicholson, said: 'I had instruction in the Indianapolis Normal College under her sister, Mary E. Nicholson. Miss Elizabeth came occasionally to interest us potential teachers in art, bringing many and varied exhibits, always wearing a bit of beautiful exquisite old lace about her throat clasped with an old cameo brooch and wearing, too, the Quaker bonnet. Miss Nicholson and Charity Dye came often to our classes, talking to us of the world's work which was opening up to women through club life.'

"After 1890 her idealistic nature and genial interest in people, found expression in literary and club activities. She was founder of the Parlor Club, a charter member of the College Corner Club and one of the twelve founders of the Indianapolis Woman's Club, and it was from this club that she was made President of the Union at the convention held in Terre Haute in 1891."

Miss Nicholson's closing years were still full of activity of a quiet sort. On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Indianapolis Woman's Club, celebrated February 18, 1925, she was one of the speakers. . . . The Memorial Exhibition of her Water Colors at the John Herron Art Institute, October 20 to November 20, 1926, bears testimony of her love and knowledge of the wild flowers. Fortunate in her birth and in her long and useful life, in the spring time which she so loved, in April, 1926, she was taken to God's garden above." (Historical Edition IFC Clubwoman.)

OFFICERS

President, Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, Indianapolis

Vice Presidents

Presidents of all affiliated clubs.

Secretary

Miss Camilla R. Hutton, Richmond. (Miss Hutton apparently did not serve, as the minutes are again signed, "Kate Ijams, Secretary." In pencil on the margin of the page listing the officers and committees for 1892 appear these words, "Wildwood, Pa. near Cresson," indicating, no doubt, that Miss Hutton had left Indiana for Pennsylvania.)

Executive Committee

Mrs. W. P. Kane	Mrs. J. M. Dresser
Miss Katharine L. Andrews	Mrs. Jeannette Ruby
Miss Sallie Sample	Captain W. DeWitt Wallace
Miss Ida C. Smith	

Program Committee

Mrs. James H. Smart, Chairman	
Mrs. Mary A. McGregory	Miss Christine Hooker
Mrs. R. A. Ogg	Hon. T. N. Rice

The third convention was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Lafayette, May 18, 19, 20, 1892. The president, Miss Nicholson, called the meeting to order and 69 delegates, representing 45 clubs, answered to roll call.

Dr. James H. Smart, president of Purdue University, in his welcome address said: "I venture to say that such a convention as this could not have been held in this state many years ago, nor in any state for that matter; so that you and I live in a new world, and a very much larger world. . . .The movement over the country is marvelous. Indiana is not in the rear, but I believe she is in advance."

"The Value of an Intellectual Life" was the subject of Miss Nicholson's inaugural address and the discussion was led by Mrs. John A. Wood, Woman's Club, Frankfort.

Among the speakers on the program were Mrs. Ariestene Felts, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, Lafayette; Dr. H. A. Cleveland, Indianapolis; Professor Stanley Coulter, Lafayette; Mr. Alexander Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth V. Pierce (Mrs. Henry D.) and Mrs. Mary McGregory, Indianapolis, and Rev. Frost Craft, Lafayette. A symposium on "Woman as a Factor in the World's Progress" was presented with the following members taking part: Miss Mary Binford, Crawfordsville; Mrs. Sarah E. Hathaway, LaPorte; Mrs. Mary B. Hussey, Indianapolis and Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

The question: "Is it wise for the clubs of Indiana to make a representation at the Columbian Exposition?" brought forth much dis-

cussion led by Prof. W. A. Bell and Mrs. Martha N. McKay of Indianapolis. A committee was appointed by the president composed of Mrs. McKay, chairman, Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, Lafayette and Mrs. Lizzie S. Byers, Terre Haute, with authority to make an exhibit of the work of the clubs in the Union at the Columbian Exposition.

At the luncheon held at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Mrs. McRae of Lafayette acted as toast mistress and later, through the kindness of Dr. Smart, the members of the convention were taken through Purdue University where a large collection of hand painted china, wood carving and drawing was displayed.

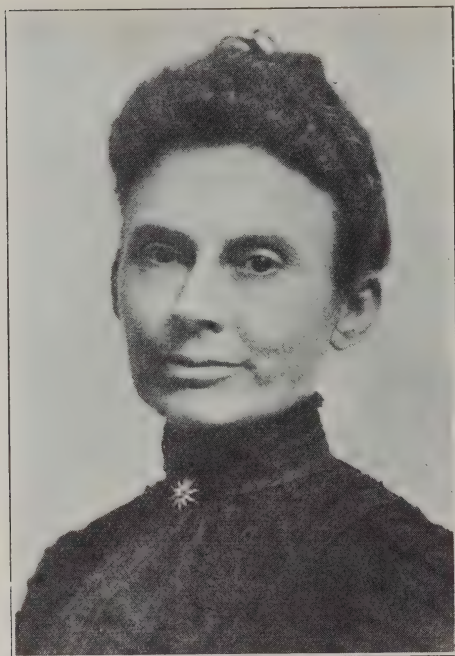
"The Art of Conversation, Its Ideals and Actual Development" was presented by Mrs. Lizzie S. Byers, Terre Haute and Miss Elizabeth Ames of Greencastle, led in the discussion. Miss Ames said, "In our own State of Indiana, we can free ourselves from our papers in our club work and thus learn to clearly outline and express our thoughts." And in a resolution presented to the convention we find, "We commend the ladies upon the improvement made in the manner of discussion over last year, and the banishment of the note book."

"THE BULLETIN"

Miss Merica Hoagland, Fort Wayne, editor of "The Bulletin" writes, "Our intention has been to publish as fully as possible the addresses, papers and discussions of the convention." In this official paper we find a description of the reception given by Mrs. Henry Taylor which "gave the delegates an opportunity of meeting the best of Lafayette society. . . ."

Miss Hoagland placed the name of Mrs. Mary H. Smart, Lafayette, in nomination for president and upon motion the Secretary cast the unanimous vote for Mrs. Smart. Miss Hoagland then was nominated for secretary and also unanimously elected. Mrs. Alice P. Dyer, Fort Wayne, was elected chairman of the program committee.

One of the resolutions read, "We also recommend that the secretary and executive committee shall be elected or appointed from the town where the convention will meet." . . . with the result that the next meeting being held in Fort Wayne, upon invitation of Mrs. Dyer, Saturday Club, Fort Wayne, the entire executive committee was composed of Fort Wayne women.



Mary H. Smart

FOURTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

FORT WAYNE, 1893

PRESIDENT

MARY H. SMART (MRS. JAMES H.), LAFAYETTE

From Miss Mary F. Smart of Melrose Lodge, Tryon, N. C., comes this delightfully intimate sketch of her mother.

Mary H. Swan was born at Exeter, New Hampshire, the eldest of four children. Her early education was obtained from the village school. Wishing to continue her studies, she entered the Normal School at Fredonia, N. Y.

Just before graduating, the Superintendent of Schools of Fort Wayne, Indiana, came East to recruit his teaching force. His name was James H. Smart. Visiting the graduating class, he requested the professor in charge to call on Miss Swan to recite. History does not recount how well she rose to the occasion but, at any rate, Miss Swan was engaged to go to Fort Wayne to teach "Methods." The following year, her teaching career came to an end when she became Mrs. James H. Smart.

Several years later, Dr. Smart was made State Superintendent of Public Instruction and removed to Indianapolis. Here, Mrs. Smart became a member of The Woman's Club, which was so active in the literary life of the city. She was always interested in club work for women and appreciated its great educational value.

Later when Dr. Smart was called to Purdue University to become its fourth president, they moved again, this time to Lafayette. It was here that Mrs. Smart, with the help of several friends, was instrumental in organizing the Monday Club. She became its first president, an office which she held for six years (1886-1892). This club pays her the tribute of having been ". . . distinguished by a quiet strength and a calm dignity that never failed her. Perhaps her most salient characteristic was a real interest in the opinions of others, for in her ability to lead the members of the club to express themselves fully and freely in discussion, lay the secret of her power and charm as a presiding officer."

"After the death of President Smart in 1900, Mrs. Smart lived for a time in Brookline, Mass. (1902-1904), and then again in Indianapolis. As her health became more uncertain, she spent the latter part of her life in Asheville, N. C. She died in Dansville, N. Y., October 1, 1914."

OFFICERS

President, Mary H. Smart (Mrs. James H.), Lafayette.

Vice Presidents

Presidents of Constituent Clubs.

Secretary

Miss Merica Hoagland, Fort Wayne.

Executive Committee

Mrs. Ellen R. Bursley, Fort Wayne, chairman.

Mrs. Carolyn Randall Fairbank (Although Mrs. Bursley was elected chairman at the convention in 1892, Mrs. Fairbank evidently acted in that capacity.)

Mrs. Helen F. Guild

Mrs. Allen Zollars

Mrs. Emma F. Hoffman

Mrs. Louise Horton Thompson

Program Committee

Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, Fort Wayne, chairman.

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith

Dr. H. A. Cleveland

Miss Elizabeth Ames

Mrs. S. M. Reynolds

The Fourth Convention was held at the Second Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, May 3, 4 and 5, 1893.

After the meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Smart, the secretary, Miss Merica Hoagland, gave a comprehensive report of the work accomplished during the past year. Thirty clubs had been admitted, the Union now representing nearly 3,000 men and women. Of the 74 clubs represented, ten were by male delegates. The increased number of delegates made it possible to secure railroad rates from the Central Traffic Association of Chicago. Miss Hoagland also reported that the annual expenditure for club work amounted to \$7,000.

After the address of welcome by Judge Robert S. Taylor, Fort-nightly Club, Fort Wayne, Mrs. Smart gave her inaugural address, "The Evolution of the Club Idea." Mrs. Myra Keuchmann of Muncie, led in the discussion, followed by eleven other discussionists, six of whom were men.

The teachers of the public schools of Fort Wayne were in attendance for the Thursday morning session to hear the discussion on the subject, "Our School System." Those taking part were: Mrs. Louis Boyd of Dublin, an honorary member of the Helen Hunt Club, Cambridge City; Mrs. Helen F. Guild, Fort Wayne; Professor R. G. Boone, Bloomington; Mrs. L. C. Manning, Terre Haute; Professor Edward Ayers, Lafayette; Mrs. A. S. Lauferty, Fort Wayne; Judge E. A. Brown, Indianapolis; Mr. J. E. Iliff, Richmond and Professor C. T. Lane, Fort Wayne.

Others appearing on the program were Mr. Allen Hendricks, Indianapolis; Mrs. Nelson Zeigler, Wabash; Miss Elma Graves, Richmond and Mrs. T. F. Rose, Muncie.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis, opened the Thursday afternoon session with an address on "The World's Congress of Representative Women."

We find in the short business session that Mr. Evans Woollen, Indianapolis, was appointed chairman of the program committee for 1894 and that the invitation to come to Indianapolis for the next convention was "By order of the Indianapolis delegates to the Fourth Convention. Catharine Merrill, chairman," was accepted.

Several delightful musical programs interspersed the sessions and about 500 were present at the reception given by the Fort Wayne clubs at the Morton Club rooms which were artistically decorated by thirteen large shields, each of different design and in the colors of the thirteen

Fort Wayne clubs belonging to the Union. At the Art School, the Student's Art League of Fort Wayne, Miss Agnes Hamilton, president, received the delegates and the exhibition of the Indianapolis and Fort Wayne clubs elicited much merited praise.

At the Thursday evening session, Col. Richard W. Thompson of the Terre Haute Literary Club, entertained the large audience with "Personal Reminiscences of Adams, Jackson and Clay."

Friday was the last session and we find Miss Hoagland's report showed a balance in the treasury of \$136.88; two clubs were admitted since the convention opened—The Friday Evening Club of Tipton and The Ethical Club of Lafayette (the latter being represented by Dr. Smart and Rabbi Cadden); that \$100 was allowed to pay for the binding of the printed programs of the Indiana clubs as an exhibit at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, which committee had been appointed at the convention of last year; and that Miss Ijams was to be reimbursed for her traveling expenses while filling the office of the former secretary, elected for 1891-92.

The last paper presented to the convention was that of Mrs. Jeanette Ruby, Monday Club, Lafayette. Her subject was "The Force of Personality" (which she had memorized). Dr. H. T. Eddy, Terre Haute led in the spirited discussion.

There were six nominees for the office of president: Mrs. Mary H. Smart, Mrs. Mary A. McGregory, Mrs. Mary A. E. Woollen (all of whom withdrew their names); Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, Mrs. Helen F. Guild and Dr. H. T. Eddy. The result showed Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, Fort Wayne, elected.



Alice Peacock Dryer

FIFTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, 1894

PRESIDENT

ALICE PEACOCK DRYER (MRS. CHARLES R.), FORT WAYNE

Alice Mary Peacock was born January 29, 1847, to Mary Ann Comstock and Samuel Peacock at Macedon Center, a small village in Western New York. Her forbears were English Quakers but had been in this country since pre-Revolutionary times, originally settling in Massachusetts. Her father went to California in the gold-rush days, leaving his family in Macedon, and died there.

Alice grew up in the small village, which boasted an Academy attended by the children of the neighboring farmers, and there met her future husband, Charles Redway Dryer, whose parents lived on a farm twelve miles away.

They were married on July 28, 1874, and lived that winter in Phelps, N. Y., where both taught in the Union and Classical School. That winter Dr. Dryer completed his medical course in Buffalo and they then took up their residence in the village of Victor. He practiced but six months and then was invited by a college friend, Charles K. Latham, principal of the Fort Wayne High School, to become teacher of science there. The family arrived in Fort Wayne, August 27, 1877.

In the fall of 1892 Dr. Dryer was appointed to the chair of Geography at the State Normal School in Terre Haute, but the family continued to make their headquarters in Fort Wayne for the next five years. As her children grew older, Mrs. Dryer became interested in the Woman's Club Movement then beginning throughout the country and appealing especially to those serious-minded older women who had not had college training. She was a charter member of the Saturday Club, organized in 1890 and of the Fortnightly Club organized in 1892, and was active in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Trinity Episcopal Church. She served as president of the Woman's Club League (forerunner of the present Woman's Club, of which she was a life member), and was especially interested in the movement to establish a public library in Fort Wayne.

From 1897 to 1913 the family lived in Terre Haute, where Mrs. Dryer was again active in club, church and civic work. In 1913 the family returned to Fort Wayne to make their permanent home, where Mrs. Dryer passed way November 9, 1938.

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, Fort Wayne.

Vice Presidents

Presidents of Constituent Clubs.

Secretary

Mrs. S. E. H. Perkins, Indianapolis.

Program Committee

Mrs. Mary A. E. Woollen, Indianapolis, chairman.

Mrs. Ellen R. Bursley, Fort Wayne Mrs. Stanley Coulter, Lafayette

Dr. H. T. Eddy, Terre Haute Mrs. J. E. Iliff, Richmond

Executive Committee

Mrs. John H. Holliday, chairman.

Miss Anna Nicholas

Miss Rhoda E. Selleck

Mrs. E. F. Hodges

Mrs. John Wilson

Mrs. A. F. Potts

Judge E. A. Brown

Miss Charity Dye

Miss Mary Nicholson

Mrs. G. A. Carstensen

Mrs. Dryer says, in writing of the convention (Historical Edition): "We must remember that the year 1894 was thirty-three years ago, during the 80's and 90's of the last century, when a wave of ambition for learning and culture was taking form in the organization of women's clubs all over the country. At the convention in Indianapolis, this influence for literature and culture was strong and was carried over the state by the delegates going home to their different towns. As chairman of the program committee the preceding year, I had tried having the unknown writers of original literature represented on the program and also to have the art societies brought together as well as the musical clubs represented by a musical hour added to the program. These efforts were carried forward in the program of 1894 and were beautifully executed. . . . As the president remembers the uplift of the occasion after thirty-three years, she feels regret that a union of literary clubs could not have kept its existence until the present time, with its aims of genuine culture never lost sight of."

The sessions of the Fifth Convention were held in the Propylaeum, Indianapolis, May 1, 2 and 3, 1894. Mrs. Dryer called the meeting to order at 2:15 o'clock and Mr. W. P. Fisback welcomed the convention on behalf of the clubs of Indianapolis.

The subject of Mrs. Dryer's inaugural address was "Indiana and the Literary Clubs" and the discussion was opened by Mr. John R. Wilson and closed by Miss Elizabeth Nicholson.

Prominent on the program were the following speakers: Mrs. Mary B. Hussey, Brazil, whose subject "Pertaining to the Practical Details of the Organization, Conduct and Work of the Clubs" was participated in by ten members; Mrs. B. A. Mansfield, Greencastle; Prof. M. W. Sampson, Bloomington; Mrs. E. D. Daniels, LaPorte; Prof. A. W. Butler, Brookville. The discussion on "The Submerged Tenth" (distinction between the Principles of Mass Charities and the Elevation of the Individual) was opened by Rev. Everist Vathell, Richmond and discussed by Dr. L. M. Underwood, Greencastle; Mr. Thomas B. Ellison, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Lois G. Hufford, Indianapolis, and T. G. Alford, Lafayette. Mr. Meredith Nicholson read several selections from his poems.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The constitution was revised to provide for a First Vice President, the presidents of clubs becoming vice presidents ex-officio; past presidents, secretaries and chairmen of program committees were made "honorary members."

Social affairs were not lacking. The Art Association invited all delegates to view their pictures at the Columbia Club rooms from three to six o'clock and in the evening 1200 attended the reception at the Propylaeum.

Each delegate was presented a souvenir program, the artistic covers begin "Designed and executed by the Sketch Club." A reception was also given by the Fortnightly Literary Club at the home of their president, Mrs. F. H. Dean. The Woman's Club extended hospitality from 2 to 4 at the Propylaeum and the Katharine Merrill Club and the Century Club held its receptions from 3 to 5 at the Columbia Club.

"Friendship in Letters" was the address of Dr. Burroughs of Crawfordsville which was followed by a reception for Dr. Burroughs at the club rooms of the Indianapolis Literary Club.

The last day of the convention was given over to business and to but one address, "The Literature of History," presented by Prof. Kemp with Miss Anna Runcie, Evansville, opening the discussion. Mr. Nicholson was appointed a delegate to represent the Indiana Union at the convention of the Western Association of writers to be held in Wabash in June. The Tuesday Evening Club of Logansport was accepted into membership since the opening of the convention, which brings the number of clubs to 95. An invitation to hold the next convention in Huntington was accepted. The book prepared for exhibition at the World's Columbian Exposition was, by vote, presented to the State Library of Indiana.

FIRST NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The committee on nominations had been announced, as follows: Rev. George L. Mackintosh, Indianapolis; Dr. W. W. Wirt, Rockville; Mr. B. E. Rhoads, Terre Haute; Mrs. Edward H. Dean, Indianapolis; Miss Clara Kenower, Huntington. (This was the first time a nominating committee was used, but it was evidently not satisfactory because soon after this the action was rescinded.)

Those nominated were: president, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith and Mrs. W. W. Woollen; vice president, Mr. J. E. Iliff and Mr. J. L. Griffiths; secretary, Mrs. W. A. Branyan and Mrs. Emma C. Mendenhall and an Executive Committee. (The member of the executive committee receiving the largest number of votes to be declared chairman.)

The result of the election was: president, Mrs. Meredith, Cambridge City; vice president, Mr. Iliff, Richmond; secretary, Mrs. Branyan, Huntington and chairman of the Executive Committee, Miss Catharine Merrill, Indianapolis.

"The convention then adjourned to meet in Huntington in May, 1895. Signed, Alice P. Dryer, president. S. E. H. Perkins, secretary."

Fort Wayne Woman's Club



Virginia Claypool Meredith

SIXTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

HUNTINGTON, 1895

PRESIDENT

VIRGINIA CLAYPOOL MEREDITH, CAMBRIDGE CITY

Virginia Claypool Meredith was born in 1848 in Fayette County, Indiana. Her father, Austin B. Claypool, a trustee of Purdue University in 1847 and her grandfather, Newton Claypool, were pioneers. She celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday, November 5, 1936.

She attended Glendale College, a Female College, near Cincinnati, and in 1870 married Henry Clay Meredith, who lived at Cambridge City.

Mrs. Meredith adopted the two children of a friend—a boy Meredith, named for Mrs. Meredith, and the sister, Mary L. Matthews, now Dean of the School of Home Economics in Purdue University at West Lafayette, Indiana, with whom Mrs. Meredith in later years made her

home. Miss Matthews is chairman of the Department of Education in the Federation at this time, as well as president of Tippecanoe County in the Tenth District.

For forty years Mrs. Meredith had been speaking before audiences of farm people. She had spoken in almost every one of the 92 counties in Indiana, in all of the middle west states and been a delegate and speaker appointed for several British conventions. One of her lectures on "The Privileges and Possibilities of Farm Life" has been copied in every English speaking country in the world.

At the World's Columbian Exposition, 1893, she was appointed a "Lady Manager" from Indiana and her official connection was marked by her administration of the notable feature of bestowing Diplomas of Honorable Mention on designers, inventors and artisans who had contributed to the production and perfection of articles which had received an Award of Merit. This took the better part of five years, as there were some 25,000 diplomas to be sent out, as well as supervising a staff of ten women.

From Mr. Ross Bartley, director of press division of The Century of Progress, October 11, 1933, we read, "Wonderful as was the World's Columbian exposition in 1893, more wonderful still is A Century of Progress exposition of 1933." With these words, Mrs. Meredith in her eighty-fifth year, concluded a visit to the Century of Progress which honored her as one of the few surviving members of that famous board of "Lady Managers" of the 1893 exposition.

After Mrs. Meredith and her party had been conducted on a tour of the grounds in an exposition automobile at her disposal, she was received by Rufus C. Dawes, president of the fair. "I came to Chicago, feeling that I would see an interesting and different world's fair, but not one comparable with that of 1893," she told President Dawes. "But I was greatly surprised. This fair is so different in architecture and color, and it also is a greater fair. More marvelous is the fact that it was produced and opened in these times of economic stress." Mrs. Meredith insisted on seeing the Indiana exhibit (over which there had been much controversy) and declared that "perhaps, strangely, I like it very much."

Mrs. Meredith was selected by the University of Minnesota to take the position of Preceptress of the Ladies' Hall at the School of Agriculture inaugurating and organizing a course in Home Economics, when it was decided to admit girls to this School in 1897.

Mrs. Meredith sold Oakland Farm at Cambridge City in 1916, and came to Lafayette to live.

From its organization she was interested in the land-grant college of Indiana, Purdue University, and in 1921 was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees by the Governor, the same position which her father held before her. She is the only woman member the Board has ever had to date and she retained it until her death.

Since Mrs. Meredith attended the first convention of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs in 1890, as a delegate from the Helen Hunt Club of Cambridge City, she has retained her interest in their activities, very seldom missing a state convention meeting. She is the only member who had the honor of twice being elected president. She served as the sixth president (1895) and was elected the seventeenth and last president (1906) which was at the time of the consolidation of the Union and the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs. She was a member of the first Board of Trustees, created in 1912 and was re-elected in 1914, serving in all five years.

HONORARY PRESIDENT

She was made Honorary President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs in 1918. We find in the minutes of the Thursday morning, November 21st session, the following: "On motion of Mrs. I. N. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. W. W. Reed, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith was made Honorary President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, as a mark of respect to the late president, Mrs. Fairbank, who had long desired that this be done."

From Mrs. Meredith's greetings to the annual conventions, sent when impossible for her to be there in person, are taken a few pertinent sentences to show how steadfast was her faith that club women would measure up to their responsibilities and opportunities. She said: "I am assured that this convention will reach a high mark in pushing forward the best thought for the welfare of Indiana"; "The child's health and training are the responsibility of the women of the State—the Club Women of Indiana;" "Congratulations and greetings to the fine women who think, and to the fine clubs that translate that thought into action. May the way become clearer and the road grow wider!"; "Whenever there is growth and strength in an organization—then opportunities for service multiply. . . . Indiana offers club women a rich field for discussion and for action," and the last greeting to come from her was dated May 9, 1936, and read: "I am sending greetings to the Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. I am congratulating the Federation upon the long series of conventions since that first fine meeting held in Richmond. It was a splendid group that met and organized at that time, it is doubtful however, if any of those present would have predicted the long life and the usefulness that some of us have had the privilege of knowing in detail. With all good wishes for continued growth and service, I am, Very truly yours, Virginia C. Meredith." Mrs. Meredith passed away December 10, 1936.

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

Vice President, Mr. J. E. Iliff, Richmond.

Vice Presidents, Presidents of Constituent Clubs.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret M. Branyan, Huntington.

Executive Committee

Mrs. Louella A. Moses, chairman

Mrs. Ida Reichenbach

Mrs. Sue Beroth Dick

Mrs. Margaret M. Branyan

Dr. F. S. Grayston

Program Committee

Miss Catharine Merrill, chairman.

Dr. N. A. Hyde

Mrs. A. D. Guild

The Sixth Convention was held in Library Hall, Huntington, May 14, 15 and 16, 1895, and was called to order by the president, Mrs. Meredith.

Rev. H. C. Kendrick of the Cosmopolitan Club, Huntington, said in his welcome address: "I am delighted to think and say that the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs stands for progress, culture and higher development of mind and heart. . . . As to our clubs we are many. We are independent in our thinking and represent every variety of opinion imaginable."

Mrs. Meredith in her inaugural address congratulated the convention ". . . on the increasing strength of the Union." She asked for ". . . investigation of subjects that concerned the welfare of people in the every-day walk of life." She not only pointed out the mission of clubs, but indicated their power to mould public sentiment. She said: "The clubs are potent to create public sentiment concerning those things that touch society at its vital points . . . potent to enter the unexplored regions of truth near us. Public sentiment is the great force that accentuates and accelerates human advancement. It has been said that statutory laws not only indicate public sentiment and thus become a record of advancing civilization, but they are the power that holds the advance—the power that conserves the advance—the power that keeps civilization from slipping back. . . . Let the club make public sentiment and just laws will easily follow." (Mrs. Meredith voiced the same sentiments then that she held all through her life time.)

Art had its place on the program. No doubt the recent Columbian Exposition played an important part in Miss Catharine Merrill's (program chairman) selection of an afternoon and evening devoted to art, as well as the exhibit which was hung on the walls of the Library Hall, through the efforts of a group of interested local men. Dr. Hyde paid tribute to the art display of Indiana artists. He said: "We have reason to be proud of these honored names—T. C. Steele, William Forsythe, R. B. Gruelle, Otto Stark, and J. O. Adams. . . . These artists were spoken of in the exhibit at Chicago as constituting a unique and original school of art. Like our distinguished native poet, these artists have caught the spirit of our Indiana landscape—sky and life."

In the evening Hamlin Garland, president of the Central Art Association, Chicago, lectured under the auspices of the Monday and Cos-

mopolitan Clubs, which was followed by a reception at Bippus Hall given by the local clubs.

Other speakers during the convention were: President Scott Butler, Irvington; Mr. T. C. Steele; Professor Edouard Baillot, Bloomington. Miss Lillian Beaber, a teacher in the public Schools of Fort Wayne . . . "advocated the hanging of good pictures on the walls of school rooms, and applause followed."

On Wednesday evening the Hon. John L. Griffiths, Indianapolis, gave a talk on "Read the Best Books" and he in part said: "The American people read too much rather than too little. They read voraciously and indiscriminately, in season and out of season, on the street cars, in the railway trains, in public dining rooms and hotel verandas. They are all apparently reading the same books at the same time . . . in the mad struggle to see who will finish first. As soon as the goal is reached they take up the next new volume, quite out of breath—"Robert Elsmere," "Ships That Pass in the Night," "Trilby," or what not."

The Matinee Musicale, Huntington, gave an hour program of music and the Indiana Sorosis entertained at a reception at the home of their president, Mrs. D. A. Purviance.

The secretary's records showed that 116 clubs were affiliated with the Union—23 admitted in 1895, with two withdrawals.

ENTERTAINMENT

There seems to have been some little discussion held regarding the time given to social affairs during the convention sessions which brought forth the following resolution, offered by Mrs. A. D. Guild, Fort Wayne:

Whereas: we realize that we may receive the same beautiful hospitality elsewhere, which has been extended to us in Huntington . . . we also realize that the same brilliant and charming outward manifestations of such hospitality are not possible for every community.

Whereas: We believe that such effects are not essential to the success of the convention, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is request of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs that, in the future, the arrangements for the entertainment of the convention be as simple and inexpensive as is consistent with the successful carrying out of the program and the comfort of the delegates.

The tellers then reported the following officers elected: president, Mrs. O. W. Conner, Wabash; vice president, Prof. R. I. Hamilton, Huntington; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Fowler, Spencer, and program chairman, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.



Annie Keyes Conner

SEVENTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

CONNERSVILLE, 1896

PRESIDENT

ANNIE KEYES CONNER (MRS. O. W.), WABASH

"Annie Keyes Conner was born in Boston, June 13, 1846, and the family moved to Logansport, Indiana, in 1853. The following year, when Miss Keyes was a 'sweet girl graduate' of eighteen years, having completed her course at the Ohio Female College, Cincinnati, the family moved to Wabash.

"Mrs. Conner has been a woman of varied interests, serving as Synodical Secretary of the Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian

Church for several years; assisted in the organization of the first Public Library in Wabash and acted as Secretary of the Board; served also for a number of years as Secretary of the Wabash County Hospital Board." (Historical Edition C. W. 1927.)

Since the organization in 1880 of the Round Table Club of Wabash, Mrs. Conner has been a member and has served the club in most of its various offices, which was valuable training ground for her future work as president of the Indiana Union.

Mrs. Conner, who for several years had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Teague, of Beloit, Wisconsin, died September 11, 1938.

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. O. W. Conner, Wabash.

Vice President, Prof. R. I. Hamilton, Huntington.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Lavina H. Fowler, Spencer.

Program Committee

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City, chairman

Mrs. Louella A. Moses

Prof. Edouard Baillot

Mr. Evans Woollen

Mr. T. E. Ellison

Mrs. Estelle M. Ochiltree, chairman executive committee.

The 1896 convention was held June 3, 4 and 5 at the Presbyterian Church in Connersville with Mrs. Conner presiding. Mrs. Conner's subject for her address was "The Art of Criticism." Other addresses during the convention were: "The Future of the Literary Union," by Mr. Evans Woollen, Indianapolis, who urged concentration on the literary features rather than the social; "Current Tendencies in Education," by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis; "The Work of Constituent Clubs," by Mrs. R. B. Stewart, Muncie; "The Lilies, the Lion and the Eagle," (Indiana Under Three Flags) by S. M. Saylor, Elwood; "A Basis for State Pride," by Jacob P. Dunn.

FIRST BUSINESS RESOLUTION

Miss Harriet Noble spoke on the library needs of the state, stressing the requirement that a township tax levy could be made only for libraries worth \$1,000, which rendered the tax prohibitive to small libraries. This presentation appealed to such a literary group tremendously, for they particularly felt the need of available books; a committee was appointed to report back to the convention, and as a result a Resolution was introduced looking to the request for the repeal

of the objectionable phase of the tax law. This is the first resolution noted which dealt with matters other than "courtesy" resolutions, and was the forerunner of a broader field of work on the part of this organization which played such a prominent part in promoting the library interests of the state. This resolution was presented by Mrs. Meredith and adopted:

"Resolved, That the Centennial Committee appointed to report to the next General Assembly a plan for celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the admission of Indiana as a territory of the United States, be requested to consider the propriety of commemorating the event by a liberal appropriation and a wise law authorizing the establishment and perpetual maintenance of Libraries accessible to the whole State. This manner of commemoration embodies possibilities for the State and its citizens that transcends in value any possible exposition of the material resources of the State." (Historical Edition).

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Merica Hoagland, Fort Wayne; First Vice President, Mrs. James Fowler, Lafayette; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Harriet D. Frazer, Warsaw; Program Chairman, Prof. Gustaf Karsten, Bloomington; Executive Committee Chairman, Miss Mamie Conrad, Warsaw.



Miss Merica Evans Hoagland

EIGHTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

WARSAW, 1897

PRESIDENT

MISS MERICA EVANS HOAGLAND, FORT WAYNE

Miss Merica Evans Hoagland was born in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Pliny and Merica Evans Hoagland. She was the granddaughter of Dr. John Evans and Elizabeth Taylor Evans, pioneers of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. She was educated in the Fort Wayne public schools and attended Vassar College, after which she traveled for several years in the United States and abroad.

Miss Hoagland was known for her keen interest in all civic affairs, particularly in legislative problems pertaining to women and children.

While in Fort Wayne she was one of the organizers of the Woman's Club League, the Art School, Public Library, Y. W. C. A., Parliamentary, Coterie and Woman's Reading Clubs. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and ". . . believed the principles of Jesus Christ should prevail in business and civic life as well." She suggested and worked ardently for a public library commission. After attending New York State Library School and organizing libraries in Michigan, South Dakota and Illinois, she became secretary, in 1901, to the first organization of the public library commission for Indiana, which position she held for five years. She was a director of the Winona Technical Institute Library School for three years. She was a member of the Woman's Franchise League, now the League of Woman Voters.

She was one of the earlier presidents (1905-6) of the Indiana Vassar Club and was prominent in its activities, a charter member of the Woman's Department Club, after taking up her residence in Indianapolis. She was one of the women foremost in perfecting the organization of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs at St. Louis, Missouri, 1919. She belonged to the Women's Association of Commerce and as the outcome of that organization helped to organize the Indiana branch of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs and in recent years her major interest has been with this organization. She was a member of the Indiana Woman's Democratic Club and also of the Mutual Service Association.

During the last few years of her life she had been employed by the Diamond Chain and Mfg. Company, Indianapolis, at first as Director of Girl Employees, then as Director of Welfare, and since 1917 as Director of Mutual Service.

Her last public appearance was as a member of the International Council of Women at the Century of Progress in Chicago in 1933. She passed away August 15, 1933.

OFFICERS

President, Miss Merica Evans Hoagland, Fort Wayne.

First Vice President, Mrs. James Fowler, Lafayette.

Vice Presidents, Presidents of Constituent Clubs.

Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Harriet D. Frazer, Warsaw.

Prof. Gustaf Karsten, Bloomington, Chairman Program Committee.

Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Warsaw, Chairman Executive Committee.

The 1897 convention was held at the Methodist Church in Warsaw, June 2, 3 and 4, with Miss Hoagland presiding.

The following account of the proceedings of the convention were written by Miss Hoagland for Mrs. Sheehan's Historical Edition Club Woman, 1927:

"Measured by subsequent accomplishments of civic movements, mentioned and hoped for, I count myself happily honored in the opportunity to recount some of the matters claiming our attention at the 1897 convention of the I. U. L. C."

Miss Hoagland urged the establishment of kindergartens, of industrial and night schools, the teaching of music and art as part of our public school system. She also entered a plea for (the passage of) a library law which would establish a State Library Commission and secure to even the smallest towns free public libraries.

"Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl and I had opportunity to discuss my earnest desire to have Library Commission legislation endorsed by the Union. Mrs. Earl agreed to this and amended my original draft to include me on the proposed legislative committee, of which I named her chairman. The other members were Mrs. Jacob B. Dunn, Indianapolis; Prof. T. F. Moran, Lafayette, and Miss S. A. Catlin, Warsaw.

"Little did I then think that some four years later, I was to be recalled from library organizing in other states to have a part with Mrs. Earl and Mrs. Dunn in carrying into effect the Library Commission work already begun under their leadership.

"At that time, 1901, there were 49 county seats without library buildings. In 1925, through the consolidation of the Public Library Commission with the State Library, the Historical Bureau and Legislative Bureau under the present Indiana Library and Historical Department, the purpose of the Indiana Union expressed through its initial library bill, introduced in 1899, has been accomplished.

"Relative to other developments suggested in my president's address, we learn from State Superintendent Jones' report of 1897 that music was then added to the State course of Study.

"Today kindergartens form an integral part of the public school system of Indiana. In 1907 the Night School law was passed, followed by Trade and Industrial School Act of March 1911, though it was not until 1917-19 that a real Vocational Education act was passed providing for Industrial training, Agriculture, Home Economics, Evening Classes, Part-time classes.

"The Warsaw convention brought together many men and women who have achieved distinction in various prominent positions. Foremost among these was Hon. Thomas Riley Marshall, afterward Governor of Indiana and Vice President of the United States, and who was present, with Mrs. Marshall, from Columbia City. Mere mention

of the following list of some of the delegates suffices to show the high character of the organization: Mrs. A. A. Adams, Mrs. A. B. Anderson, Judge D. P. Baldwin, Prof. A. M. Brooks, Mrs. Ellen R. Bursley, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Mrs. S. B. Dick, Mrs. Charlotte J. Dunn, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Mrs. A. N. Felts, Mrs. E. F. Hodges, Prof. T. F. Moran, Mrs. Mary McGregory, Miss Flora C. MacCrae, Miss Nannie C. Love, Mrs. S. Elliott Perkins Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Pierce, Mrs. T. A. Stuart, Mr. James F. Stutesman, Miss Minnetta Taylor, Mr. Evans Woollen, Mrs. W. W. Woollen, and others.

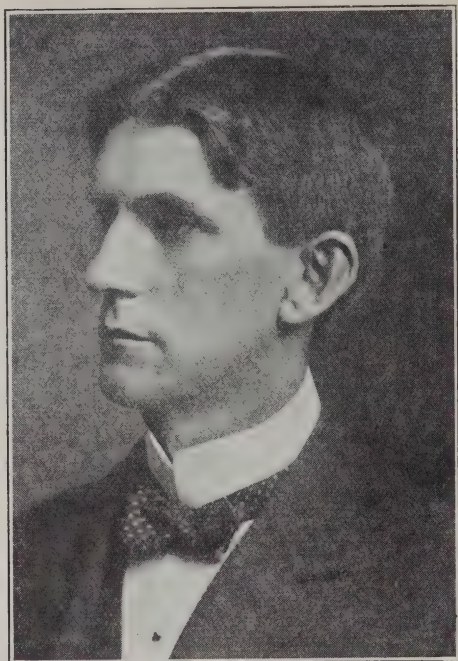
"One of the sessions was held at Winona Lake, with Dr. S. C. Dickey as host. So vivid is my recollection of this convention that even the gowns I wore seem fixed in my memory. The bell-shaped skirts with bias back seams and fitted bodices with mutton-leg sleeves were in vogue. During the day, I wore a sheer golden brown etimine wool dress made over a tight lining of changeable green and brown silk, with a square neck filled in with fine all-over ecru lace. With this was worn a green and oyster-white hat trimmed in clusters of white and purple violets. A black silk and satin brocaded skirt with black net waist made over light green silk, was worn at the evening meetings, and a white and plum colored foulard gown with waist front and trimming of white silk chiffon at the reception. All gowns had high collars.

"Probably no greater interest has ever been manifested than was shown in the pioneer club meetings of the I. U. L. C., out of which came the inspiration for many movements which have made for the betterment of Indiana."

From the front of the year book for 1897 we take again the organization date of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs:

Organized at Richmond
June 4, 1890."

It was decided to hold the next convention (1898) in Bloomington in May, and Professor John B. Wisely was elected President.



Professor John Benjamin Wisely

NINTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

BLOOMINGTON, 1898

PRESIDENT

PROFESSOR JOHN BENJAMIN WISELY, TERRE HAUTE

John Benjamin Wisely was born and brought up on a farm near Spencer, Owen County, Indiana, of Scotch and Welsh Irish extraction. He was one of a large family of children and obtained his education through his own efforts. He is a graduate of the Indiana State Teachers College at Terre Haute, with two degrees from Indiana University, and with additional work at Michigan University, Harvard, and the University of California.

After teaching three years in one-room country schools, he became principal of one of the public schools in Terre Haute, then Head of

the Department of English in the State Teachers College in St. Cloud, Minnesota. After four years in this position, he was called back to the State Teachers College in Terre Haute, where he has taught for forty years, thirty of which he served as Head of the Department of English. He was retired in 1934, having rounded out, in all, just fifty years in the teaching profession.

He is the author of a set of textbooks in English, which have been widely used in this and other states. He and Professor Edward M. Gifford of the State Teachers College have recently collaborated in preparing two work books in English, known as "The Standardized English Exercises," and also a set of slides in constructive English, "Visual Aid in the Teaching of English," which many teachers are finding helpful.

Mr. Wisely was instrumental in helping to establish the student loan funds in the Indiana State Teachers College in 1908, and for 24 years he served as trustee of these funds. He has always taken great interest in helping worthy students through this means, as the club women of the state who have worked with the Federation Loan Funds know.

Through the years, Mr. Wisely has been connected with many character-building and philanthropic projects in the community, among them being the Boy Scouts, as chairman of the Big Brother Committee in the Elks Lodge, member of the Union Hospital Board and the Board of the Light House Mission, superintendent of the church school and teacher of a class in the Central Presbyterian Church of Terre Haute, in which church he has been an elder for forty years.

In 1898 Mr. Wisely was married to Miss Alice Wright of Bridge Hampton, Long Island.

In 1934 the Civil Heroes Association of Terre Haute, an organization which takes note of merit in the private lives of citizens and tries to honor them, bestowed an award on Mr. Wisely for good citizenship, citing his usefulness to the community and his influence on young people with whom he has always associated and worked.

ONLY MALE PRESIDENT OF INDIANA UNION

Mr. Wisely has the distinction of being the only man who was ever president of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, and says: "When it was finally merged with the (Indiana) State Federation of Women's Clubs, all past presidents were made honorary members of the new federation, and thus I found myself in the unique position of being an honorary member of a state federation of women's clubs, with all the rights and privileges of any regular member. He has the right to the floor at any convention of the Federation and he can vote at any election of officers, a distinction which he very much appreciates."

Mr. Wisely but recently wrote interestingly of a man's club which held membership in the Union in that early day, and which has long

been one of his special interests: "The Men's Terre Haute Literary Club is the oldest literary club in the city. . . . This club meets weekly and is composed of professional and business men of all faiths and shades of opinion. The membership is limited to thirty-five. Each member presents a paper on a subject of his own choosing every year, and each member takes part in the discussion following, which is very heated at times and often very stimulating. This club belonged to the old Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, and it was through this connection that I became president of that organization."

OFFICERS

President, John Benjamin Wisely, Terre Haute.

Vice President, Mrs. Beulah Parks Frazer, Warsaw.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Harriett W. Kitts, Muncie.

Chairman of Program, Mr. Charles R. Williams, Indianapolis.

Chairman of Executive Committee, Mrs. Charles Rhett, Bloomington.

The Ninth convention was held at Bloomington, May 11, 12 and 13, 1898.

"The purpose of the organization at that time was largely to promote culture, specifically to encourage literature, music and art.

"As a means to this end, the Union strove to do three things well. First to encourage the organization of literary, musical and art clubs. Second, it tried to induce every such club to join the Union. Third, it attempted at each of its annual conventions, to put on a high grade program which would be an object lesson and an inspiration to all the clubs of the state, along these lines of endeavor.

"The rapid multiplication of clubs in this state, from 1890 to 1900, is evidence of the effectiveness of the Union's efforts. Each administration from year to year, strove to outdo the preceding administration in adding new clubs to the roll, and thus quickening interest in club work in all parts of the state. In this line of work the administration of 1898 was eminently successful, adding 45 clubs to the Union in that one year. This was the largest increase in membership in any one year up to that time. The credit for this phenomenal growth should go primarily to Mrs. Harriet Walrath Kitts, Muncie, the efficient Secretary-Treasurer of the Union for 1898.

"Mrs. Kitts was an indefatigable worker. She set, as our goal for the year, half a hundred new clubs. In addition to many hundreds of personal letters, she prepared and sent out 250 circular letters to clubs, setting forth the advantages of membership in the Union. She wrote a little history of the movement, telling the story of the Union from its birth. This she had printed and distributed widely among clubs not then in the Union.

"The culmination of the year's work in those days was the annual convention. Great preparations were made for it and the program was

always of high order, furnished by the best literary and musical talent procurable. The music was always furnished by the musical clubs of the Union, and the other numbers, usually by club members, though sometimes an outsider was invited. The president of the Union was expected to make an address at the first session. At Bloomington, this year, he discussed the subject, 'The Democracy of Modern Education.' So rapid has been our progress along this line, since that day, that every hindrance which he saw standing in the way of democratic education has been removed. The issues which he raised in that address are now dead.

"There was an original poem, 'The Cascade Ravine,' by Miss Eva-leen Stein, Lafayette, and an original story, 'A Municipal Experiment,' Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Indianapolis. 'Art, Where We Are and Whither Bound,' presented by William Forsythe, just then at the beginning of his career as an artist, provoked a lively discussion, for most of these lectures and papers were open to general discussion."

Other lecturers were Professor Martin W. Sampson of Indiana University; Mrs. John Clark Ridpath, Greencastle; Charles R. Williams; Professor Arthur B. Milford, Wabash College; Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis; Samuel M. Foster, Fort Wayne.

"Much time was given to music also in the convention. The musical clubs of Lafayette, Crawfordsville, Wabash, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Bloomington vied with one another in making this session memorable, and if there was anything lacking in their efforts, it was supplied by the Glee Club of Indiana University.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

"President Joseph Swain of the University, presided, and as a surprise introduced James Whitcomb Riley, who happened to be visiting in Bloomington at the time and was an honored guest at the concert. Mr. Riley said that he had been asked to recite a poem, but that he was almost afraid to undertake it, because he was 'out of practice.' Of course everyone thought that this was a joke, but he actually did forget his own poem. When he was about half way through, he hesitated, tried a time or two to go on, and finally said that he could not recall the lines. Though he had to leave the poem unfinished, he got out of it very gracefully by saying that it reminded him of the soldier who had his leg shot off in battle. He then told the story in his inimitable way, putting everyone in such a good humor that they forgot about the unfinished poem." It was said there were 700 guests at the reception in Maxwell Hall, which followed.

"The reason for devoting so much space to this convention of 1898 is that it is thought that it shows very well the kind of work done by the Union, its ideals, purposes and aims in that distant day. To the present great organization of Federation of Women's Clubs, with its many diversified lines of civic, social and welfare work, the

scope of the endeavors of the Union must seem rather inadequate and narrow. However, we must remember that it was the pioneer and laid the foundation for a broader work.

"The Union was interested in civic and welfare subjects, in woman suffrage, in the organization of the Indiana Audubon Society, with which it had a special committee cooperating with the Indiana Academy of Sciences. At this convention Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Chairman of the Literary Committee, reported recommending the creation of a State Library Commission to encourage the founding of public libraries of the state. Much practical work of this kind was carried on by the Union from year to year, even though most of its efforts were along literary lines."

In a letter sent out to all constituent clubs of the Indiana Union signed by Harriet Caspar Rhett, chairman of the executive committee, and Mrs. Edwin S. Brodix, secretary, we find this interesting announcement: "The Clubs of Bloomington will entertain those who appear on the program, the officers and honorary members of the Union, and two delegates from each constituent club, provided their names are sent to the secretary of the executive committee on or before Friday, April 15. We cannot give any assurance of entertainment to those whose names are not reported by that time."

In a letter from Mr. Wisely, under date of January 18, 1937, he says, in speaking of those who helped in the work of the Union at that time: "All these men and women, and I am sure there were many more whom I do not now recall, I remember very well, and with much pleasure. They were wheel horses in the club work of that day. I think we cannot over-emphasize the influence of these early club workers along the line of education, culture and good citizenship in our state. I remember that year of club work with all these lovely and stimulating men and women as one of my happiest years. I remember, too, that the convention that year at Bloomington was one of the largest in the history of the Indiana Union up to that time. Perhaps some of the delegates came to see how a mere man would perform as president, and I am sure that I did not do very well because I am the only man elected to that position. But we did tax all of Bloomington's facilities to take care of us that year. The greatest attraction on the program was James Whitcomb Riley, our own beloved Hoosier poet, and no doubt that had something to do with the large attendance."

The convention city selected for 1898 was Terre Haute.

The result of the election was as follows: President, Mrs. Frances M. Swain, Bloomington; First Vice President, Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson, Kokomo; Vice Presidents, Presidents of Constituent Clubs; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Theodore Markle, Terre Haute. The Program Chairman, Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, Lafayette, and the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Francis M. Stalker.



Frances Morgan Swain Miller

TENTH CONVENTION Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

TERRE HAUTE, 1899

PRESIDENT

FRANCES MORGAN SWAIN MILLER (MRS. JOHN A.), BLOOMINGTON

Frances Morgan was very well known in Indiana, having been born at Knightstown, May 22, 1860. She attended Indiana University and was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta. In 1885 she married Joseph Swain, and with him spent two years at Leland Stanford, receiving her A. B. degree from that University in 1893. At this time Dr. Swain was elected President of Indiana University, and for nine years (until he accepted a position as President at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.) she was active in college and campus activities. To her memory, there stand on the campus, the Student Building, which she had so large a share in erecting, and which was an outstanding achieve-

ment; in addition, her organization of the "Woman's League," which is now called the "Association of Women Students," will continue as an enduring contribution, for it is today the largest organization of women students on the campus, and while aiding greatly in the control of student affairs, it is also influencing the lives of thousands of young men and women annually. (Historical Edition Indiana Club Woman, 1927).

In reply to a letter from Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, asking for information concerning Mrs. Swain, this letter was received:

September 22, 1936.

Mrs. Frederick Balz,
President, Indiana Federation of Clubs,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Mrs. Balz:

Your postcard of inquiry concerning Mrs. Joseph Swain has (due to my absence from home) just reached me.

Mrs. Swain and I were married June 13, 1932. We had been intimate friends for fifty years. She died of pneumonia March 31, 1936. Joseph Swain and Frances Swain, my wife, Mary, and I had been associated for more than half a century. After the death of our companions we decided to make the remainder of life's journey together. I shall add that she had the keenest interest in the activities of the I. F. C., and often talked about its early history, of which she knew intimately.

Respectfully,

John A. Miller.

I am certain that she would like her name to go into the History as Frances Morgan Swain Miller, if it is in any way mentioned in connection with the activities of the organization of the later years.

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Frances M. Swain Miller, Bloomington.

First Vice President, Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson, Kokomo.

Vice Presidents, Presidents of Constituent Clubs.

Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Theodore Markle, Terre Haute.

Program Chairman, Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, Lafayette.

Chairman Executive Committee, Francis M. Stalker.

The Tenth Convention met in the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Terre Haute, May 17, 18 and 19, 1899. Mrs. Miller, president, called the meeting to order, and after several musical selections gave her address, "The Club as an Educational Factor in the Community." She said, "I do not believe their existence (clubs) is due only to the fact that the club idea is a fad just now, but they have come in answer to the demands of our social and intellectual conditions . . . the club should so arrange its work that not only its members, but also the

community may be benefited. Let us make this organization a positive educational force in our state."

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville, Chairman of the Library Committee, said in speaking of the passage of the bill for an Indiana Library Commission: "In the personal active work all over the State and during the session of the Legislature, no one can deny that the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs was a most potent factor; and so we boldly assert that the new library legislation is largely due to the efforts of this Union. You have secured legislation making possible traveling libraries and also possible the reestablishment and maintenance of township libraries." Too much cannot be said for Mrs. Earl and her committee who worked tirelessly for the passage of this bill.

A reception in the parlors of the church, another by the Clio Club at the home of Mrs. George Brosius, and still another given by the Woman's Club at the Terre Haute Club Rooms, as well as many musical programs during the three-day sessions, made the Convention one long to be remembered.

Some other features of the program were addresses by Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Century Club, Greencastle; Mr. Warren Bigler, Wabash; Laura Fry, University Club, Lafayette; Prof. Andrew A. Bruce, Wisconsin University, and a general discussion by members of the convention on "Social Problems."

"A Socialist Eighty Years Ago," presented by Mrs. Martha N. McKay of the Woman's Club, Indianapolis, proved to be a beautiful tribute to the life of Frances Wright, "... whose voice was the first to be heard before public gatherings on the subject of enfranchisement of women in southern Indiana." From the minutes of the convention in Mrs. Wright's own words about her work, we read: "Did I need in this hour aught beyond, or without my own bosom to sustain me, I should find it in my conviction of the destined triumph of the cause I serve, and the sure decision of wiser and happier generations to come, who shall write my name, and preserve my memory among those of champions of human liberty, and heralds of human improvement."

We find the question of elections still being discussed—some favoring a nominating committee and others that nominations be made from the floor. Mrs. Meredith said she "Liked lobbying—that is, working for her favorite candidates, discussing qualifications, etc.," and made a motion that nominations be made from the floor at the first session, with election later, which was carried.

THE CZAR OF RUSSIA

A resolution was presented by Mrs. May Wright Sewall and adopted, commending the Czar of Russia for his attempts to abolish

war by establishment of a "permanent court of arbitration." The resolution in part reads:

"We of the United States regard gradual disarmament, the object for which the conference at the Hague is convened, as the first step in a perhaps long but straight path which humanity is destined to walk, and which leads undeniably to the goal of universal peace maintained by universal obedience to the decisions of a permanent court of arbitration."

"OPEN PARLIAMENT"

An "open Parliament," with three-minute speeches, was made on several topics pertaining to the influence, program and value of the clubs to the community. One "urged that the cause of Christ and suffering humanity not be lost sight of in the literary and social work of the clubs." One thought "that the clubs are too aristocratic, they should not be only literary, aesthetic, but practical; keep in touch with the poor, the current life of the state"; "The proper outlet for such (reform) moves is through the organization for Charities and Corrections. . . . literary clubs should confine their efforts to other channels"; "Clubs should not be limited, but formed for the middle classes, those not college bred"; Mrs. S. E. Perkins said, "Let us have short papers and much discussion of vital questions and learn to think on our feet," and one "urged members who are to take part in discussion to take a course in voice culture."

Reports given at the convention show that a bust of Longfellow is to be placed in a graded school in Kokomo, more are to follow, bought by the Union of Clubs; Mrs. R. B. Stewart of Muncie, said, "United efforts brought about many reforms in Muncie. . . . cleared the sidewalks and decorated the schools;" and by united effort in Bloomington, 400 trees were planted, a cleaning week inaugurated, and they are now working hard on abolishing horse railings around the court house ". . . where the poor animals have to stand in heat and cold."

The Time and Place Committee announced that Lafayette and Wabash had extended invitations for the next convention and Lafayette had been chosen and the time early in May.

There are 196 clubs affiliated with the Union, the largest group to join being the newly created Indiana Audubon Society.

The nominating committee, Rev. Wm. Mitchell, chairman, and which had been appointed by the president following the last convention, reported as follows: President, Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, Lafayette, and Miss Minnetta Taylor, Greencastle; Vice President, Mrs. James Waugh, Crawfordsville, and Rabbi F. Cohn, Fort Wayne; Secretary, Mrs. George B. Moore, Princeton, and Mrs. Theodore Markle, Terre Haute; Program Chairman, Mrs. Charles M. Walker, Indianapolis, and Mr. James F. Stutesman, Peru.

QUESTION OF GFWC AFFILIATION

The question of the Indiana Union becoming affiliated with the GFWC was discussed fully. "A communication was read from Rebecca D. Lowe (Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, President of GFWC) inviting the IULC to join the National (General) Woman's Club (Federation) in which she said she would assume all difficulties that might arise, and while at present men could not be delegates, perhaps later this might be arranged." The discussion was general—some were strong for taking this action and others equally strong against it.

Mrs. McKay, Indianapolis, moved to lay the matter upon the table (which was done in a "jiffy," as one newspaper said); Mrs. Meredith moved to reconsider this hasty vote; Mrs. McKay said, "... that since this was the third or fourth invitation received from that body and all had been tabled, it was not hasty to those who understand all that has passed on this subject;" Mrs. Stewart, of Muncie, thought "... this treatment of an invitation of so influential a body was an insult;" Mrs. McKay said, "... the GFWC was doing a grand work, but it sought to take away the vital individuality of the clubs, merging them all into one, EXCLUDING MEN. Men were not wanted, and they were in the IULC. Then again the invitation comes from one woman, who takes all responsibility, assuming in advance that there will be trouble." "Mr. Baker, of Greencastle, said the men were at a disadvantage in this club (Indiana Union) as they were so in the minority and must take a back seat, but he wished to say that the gentlemen did not wish to stand in the way of the ladies joining the club (GFWC) . . ." One of the newspapers of that day spoke thus of the meeting, "A few 'mean men' hanging round the outer aisles of the auditorium of the First Methodist church surveying the beauty of the garden of Spring hats, wondered why the hats were not removed. A distinguished lawyer of this city explained that the women needed them in talking." (Laughter).

The invitation from Mrs. Lowe was declined.

The rapid growth and prosperity of the Union has undoubtedly been the cause of the non-existence of a State Federation for so many years after other states had formed one, "... for Indiana women are not in the habit of bringing up the rear," as one writer puts it. And so the matter rested for this year, but it was destined to come to the front again and again until finally in 1900, with the formation of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, Indiana came into the fold of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Francis M. Stalker, chairman of the Executive Committee, reported 32 new clubs entered during the year, 18 withdrew or disbanded, leaving a total of 196 in the Indiana Union.

The report of the nominating committee showed Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, Lafayette, elected President.



Emma Montgomery McRae

ELEVENTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

LAFAYETTE, 1900

PRESIDENT

EMMA MONTGOMERY McRAE (MRS. HAMILTON S.), LAFAYETTE

In the Purdue Exponent of October, 1919, we find the following written by Dean Carolyn Shoemaker of Purdue University, who knew Mrs. McRae so well, as they had lived and worked together for so many years: "Emma Montgomery McRae, born February 12, 1848, at Loveland, Ohio, died September 21, 1919, at Newton Center, Mass., the psalmist's three-score years and ten—but what a life, when measured by service—what a life when measured by beauty, by love!

"Mrs. McRae was born at Loveland, Ohio. When but five years of age she came, with her parents, to this state. Her early education

was obtained from private tutors, among whom her father, who was a Methodist minister, held a prominent place. Later, she attended private and public schools, and finally took a course in Brookville Academy. In after years she was granted the Degree of Master of Arts from Wooster College, Ohio. Mrs. McRae began teaching in the public schools of Vevay; from there she went to Muncie, where she served as principal of the High School from 1867 to 1883.

"It was in Muncie that she was married to Hamilton S. McRae, who was superintendent of the Muncie schools.

"From 1883 to 1887 she served as principal of the Marion High School. In 1887 she came to Purdue to take the place of 'Lady Principal,' and was also made professor of English Literature. Mrs. McRae spent twenty-six years with us. In 1913 she returned under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation, since which time she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. S. Hardy Mitchell of Newton Center, Mass.

"In addition to the work Mrs. McRae did in the class room, she deserves special mention for what she did among the teachers of the State. She was a pioneer in the work of the institutes.

"Socially, she occupied a very high position. She was a delightful hostess and was never so happy as when her apartments in Ladies' Hall were the scene of some social gathering. Her annual Easter Monday reception was always brilliant, and the list of those invited was always long.

"No one had more devoted friends among the people of Lafayette. But naturally it was at Purdue that her influence was strongest. Her fine literary sense, the very essence of her idealism, was always in evidence; her wonderful judgment was always ready and her sympathy was swift.

"As a public speaker, she won, not only by the power of her thought and the eloquence of her manner, but also by the sweetness of her soul.

"The funeral was held in Muncie in the home of Miss Elizabeth Willard. It was the same home that had received Mrs. McRae when she went to Muncie as a teacher.

"President Stone represented the University and began his address with the words: 'At this moment the flag at Purdue University hangs at half-mast in memory of Mrs. McRae.' And this, it seems to me—must seem to all of us—is the heart of the whole matter—silence—more eloquent than words—and the flag at half-mast—the flag that she had lived to see thrice assailed—thrice triumphant.

"Mrs. McRae loved the flag—loved her Country. She loved the State of Indiana—she was proud of being a Hoosier. . . ."

Mrs. McRae was always interested in the work of Women's Clubs. She organized the Woman's Club in Muncie, January 27, 1876, which now has a membership of 122.

Mrs. Pearl Meharry Sickler, president of the Monday Club, but recently wrote of Mrs. McRae: "She made countless addresses all

over Indiana and was often on programs in other states—especially at Teachers' Conventions of various sorts. Everyone loved to hear her talk. She was perfectly impersonal in all she said, but was always conversational—entirely informal and consequently delightful and a little ahead of her times. That was the day of the elocutionist and the formal address. She was one of the most charming women I have ever known—everyone who knew her loved her."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, Lafayette.

Vice President, Mrs. James Waugh, Crawfordsville.

Vice-Presidents, Presidents of Constituent Clubs.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Rufus Dooley, Rockville.

Program Chairman, Mr. James F. Stutesman, Peru.

The 1900 convention was held in the Second Presbyterian Church, and at Purdue University, Lafayette, May 23, 24, 25.

The address of welcome was given by Dr. John P. Hale, Lafayette, and responded to by the first Vice President of the Union, Mrs. James M. Waugh, of Crawfordsville. Mrs. McRae's address was, "God Uses Us to Help Each Other, so, Lending Our Minds Out."

Others having a part on the program were: Mr. Elbert Hubbard, East Aurora, New York, who gave a most interesting talk about "The Work of the Roycrofters;" Mr. Charles Major, Shelbyville. In the open parliament, the following spoke: Mrs. George C. Hitt of the Indianapolis Woman's Club; Mr. W. E. Henry, Indianapolis Literary Club; Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson, Kokomo Monday Club; Prof. John B. Wisely, Terre Haute Literary Club; Mrs. Frank Blount, Amateur Musical Society, Wabash.

A musical program was presented by the music clubs of Crawfordsville, Indianapolis and Lafayette, and the Indianapolis Dramatic Club presented, at the Lafayette Opera House, "The Violin Maker of Cremona," and "A Soul Above Skittles," with music by the Purdue Band.

The University tendered a luncheon to all delegates, after which they visited the laboratories and a special art exhibit of the work of prominent Indiana artists who had loaned their best works for the occasion. Among them were Messrs. Stark, Gruella, Steele, Forsythe, Ball, Adams and McGinnis.

"A committee was authorized to cooperate with the Legislature on the improvement of Indiana Forestry, and Miss Minnetta Taylor, Greencastle, was named as chairman; a committee was authorized also to bring education of the new library law to the people, evidently feeling there was a need to enlarge and correlate their activities." (Indiana Historical Edition.)

Mrs. George F. Felts, Fort Wayne, was elected president.

Evansville was selected by the Time and Place Committee for the 1901 convention.



Aristene Noyes Felts

TWELFTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

EVANSVILLE, 1901

PRESIDENT

ARISTENE NOYES FELTS (MRS. GEORGE F.), FORT WAYNE

Mrs. Felts was born at Plymouth, Michigan, May 30, 1864. She attended Michigan State Normal and the University of Michigan, and came to Fort Wayne in 1885. While in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Felts taught in the Fort Wayne College, better known as the Old M. E. College. This was established in 1846 as the Fort Wayne Female College, and in 1855 consolidated with the Fort Wayne Collegiate Institute for Young Men, and it was then called the M. E. College, and is now Taylor University at Upland, Indiana.

Mrs. Etta McLaughlin, a student at the college in those early days, remembers Mrs. Felts very well, describing her as “. . . a wonderfully broad-minded woman. It was while she was a teacher at the college that she met George F. Felts, who at that time was in charge of the Commercial Department. Theirs was truly a love match, and I was just at the age to be interested in it greatly. Mr. and Mrs. Felts were married soon after 1885, and he continued his connection with the college until he became Allen County Superintendent of Schools, which post he held for many years.”

While in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Felts was one of the charter members of the Saturday Club and President of the Woman's Club League. After leaving Fort Wayne in 1904, she became a resident of Portland, Oregon. At that time she was in failing health and took up the study of Christian Science, was healed, and became a very noted Practitioner. She became active in the community life of Portland, serving as President of the State Parent-Teacher Association, and gave three years' war service for the United States Government as Supervisor of the Protective work for women and girls.

At the time the picture accompanying this article was taken in Fort Wayne in 1927, she had just returned from three years' travel abroad. Mrs. Felts passed away May 2, 1936.

OFFICERS

President, Aristene Noyes Felts (Mrs. George F.) Fort Wayne.

Vice President, Mrs. R. Harry Miller, Fairmount.

Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Rohbock, Wabash.

Treasurer, Miss Clara I. Kenower, Huntington.

Program Chairman, Mrs. Virginia S. Patterson, Kokomo.

(Mrs. S. Elliott Perkins, Acting Chairman.)

Chairman Executive Committee, Mrs. George F. Felts.

The 1901 convention was held in the Grace Presbyterian Church, Evansville, May 1, 2 and 3.

The President, Mrs. Felts, called an executive meeting for two o'clock of the first day “. . . to consider all bills of the Union for the current year.” We see in this action thirty-six years ago the forerunner of our present system of a budget for Federation expenses, as the minutes say, “Such bills as were provided by the constitution. . . . were allowed. All bills for expenses for committee meetings, other than the one meeting of the program committee were not allowed.”

The Evansville Courier speaks of the audience attending the opening meeting as “. . . a handsomer and more intelligent company of women (where were the men at this opening meeting?) has never been before gathered together in this city.”

Mrs. Felts is spoken of as “. . . a graceful woman, dignified in her address and wears a pleasant smile, has a tender, gentle voice whose rhythm gives to the words she utters a peculiar charm.” In her address, “The Social and Economic Functions of Club Life,” she said in part, “Not many years ago there was an awakening of a new interest. . . . The spirit of organization was rife, and these new interests rapidly organized. Every small village and hamlet, even country districts, were not exempt from the influence of this awakening. . . . The critics and wiseacres made sport of this new phase of social life, decried it as a woman’s movement, a fad, which would live the life of ordinary fads and then die out. That the club movement has a more permanent foundation than this is shown by the wonderful growth in women’s clubs in the last decade.”

A reception was given in the church parlors by the 20 clubs in the local Federation, and they also presented Mr. W. B. French, of the Art Institute at Chicago, in a lecture at the Opera House.

Papers were read by Mrs. T. J. Brooks; Miss Della Pence, Frankfort, and Miss Margaret Holland, Vincennes. Mr. E. O. Shields, New York, said, “That his life work is to try to help educate the people to love birds, and to prevent, as far as possible, the destruction of the songsters.”

We find there were six nominees for president and almost an equal number for each of the other offices. An invitation to visit “. . . any school room in the city from the kindergartens through the high school at some time during the conference,” was read. One hundred eighty-one clubs are members of the Union.

DEPARTMENTS

Four standing committees were selected by a committee appointed by Mrs. McRae at the convention last year, with Mrs. Earl as chairman. The committees were: Fine Arts, Education, Home Economics and Business. (Our departments of today no doubt had their origin at this convention.) Mrs. Earl reported, “Your committee is of the opinion that practical work along these several lines can be inaugurated. . . . work that may secure the permanent results contemplated by your constitution when it declares the object of the Union to be, ‘the best culture and advancement of the State.’”

- 1—Fine Arts—To embrace music, painting, and architecture; advance the interest in and enjoyment of music through musical clubs, choral societies, open air concerts, music in schools; appreciation of painting, cultivated by Art exhibits, sketching clubs, ceramic clubs; public sentiment in favor of right styles of public and private buildings, monuments and memorials.

- 2—Education—To embrace schools, study clubs and libraries; promoting renewed effort in teaching the use of pure English; manual training in secondary schools, toward embellishing school rooms and grounds; and forming public sentiment favorable to a curriculum in harmony with advancing methods of education; mothers' meetings, country clubs, reading rooms and local libraries.
- 3—Home Economics—To embrace home and municipal house-keeping, as well as protection of family life; health through sanitation, cookery and clothing; correct pleasures and social responsibilities, study of domestic science and household art; standards of living.
- 4—Business—Resolutions, suggestions in reference to place of holding annual convention and reporting with recommendations to the convention; charge of all questions of finance, legislation, by-laws and constitution and parliamentary order.

GFWC AFFILIATION STILL A QUESTION

Mrs. Felts, by request, explained the ground on which the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs is eligible to the General Federation. She said, "The Indiana Union of Literary Clubs is eligible as an association, the dues being one dollar annually per club." Miss Elizabeth Nicholson (the organizer of the Union) spoke for the present organization as men and women's clubs and urged its perpetuity. Still no action is recorded as having been taken in this matter which was being urged so strenuously by a great number of members.

The Harriet Beecher Stowe Club of Valparaiso extended an invitation for the convention to meet there in 1902 and it was accepted.

Prof. Kingery, Crawfordsville, chairman of the Elections Committee, announced the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, Indianapolis; Vice President, Mrs. Louis Brose, Evansville; Secretary, Miss Flora A. Broaddus, Connersville; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Harry Miller, Fairmount, Program Chairman, Miss Merica Hoagland, Fort Wayne, with the President, Mrs. Perkins, Chairman of the Executive Committee.



Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins

THIRTEENTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

VALPARAISO, 1902

PRESIDENT

MRS. SAMUEL ELLIOTT PERKINS, INDIANAPOLIS

Susan E. Hatch was born in LaSalle, Illinois, August 2, 1855, the daughter of Volney G. and Mary Hitchcock Hatch. She obtained her early education in the public schools of LaSalle and later attended Oxford College, Oxford, Ohio. In 1873 the family moved to Indianapolis and her father became engaged in the general merchandising busi-

ness in the firm of Adams and Hatch, where the Vonnegut Hardware Store now stands.

Mrs. Perkins was married to Samuel Elliott Perkins II, a young lawyer in Indianapolis, July 11, 1877. His father was a member of the Supreme Court at the time. They lived in Indianapolis continuously and Mr. Perkins died there in 1915.

The Indianapolis papers, in speaking of Mrs. Perkins' passing away on June 29, 1929, wrote: "The death of Mrs. Perkins removes from the society of Indianapolis one of its foremost leaders, a pioneer club woman and a figure whose loss will not only be felt locally, but by hundreds of friends and acquaintances in all parts of the country.

"She was a lover of literature, art and dramatics, and was enthusiastic in the promotion of the rights of women. In 1912 she took a long step toward this goal when she and several other prominent local women helped Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, then the Indiana Federation of Clubs' president, to found the Woman's Department Club. She served as its first secretary and was president of the organization from 1916 until 1922.

"Mrs. Perkins had been treasurer of the Pioneer Workers in the General Federation and was a past president of the Indiana Union.

"Until a short time before her illness she conducted classes in parliamentary law and history of art. She organized the first Red Cross sewing class at the Department Club before America entered the World War, continuing its activities until 1919.

"She traveled extensively in this country and abroad, and had spent many summers at her cottage at Lake Maxinkuckee, as well as at the Chautauqua assembly in New York, where she was an active member of the Woman's Club.

"In addition to her work in helping to organize the Woman's Department Club, she was organizer and president of the Indiana Chapter of the Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, a member of the Carolin Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which she served as secretary, treasurer, registrar, and three times regent. She also held office as state secretary, state trustee, state auditor and state regent of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution.

"She was also president at one time of the Indianapolis League of Women Voters, the Indianapolis Branch of the Drama League of America, Daughters of 1812, and numerous smaller organizations. She also belonged to the Little Theatre Society, the Propylaeum, the Hoosier Art Salon of Chicago, a member of the Patrons' Association of the Salon, the Writers' Club, the National Society of New England Women and Over the Teacups Club. She was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church of the Advent and a lifelong member of that denomination. She was also one of the founders of the Indiana Federation of Art Clubs."

"Mrs. Perkins was leader of the Tuesday Study Club, which met at her home continuously during the club season for over twenty years. For use in this club, she had collected a large number of prints of famous masterpieces. This collection will be divided between the Herron Art Institute and the Extension Division of Indiana University, and preserved in both institutions as a memorial to the collector. From the Extension Division these prints will be available to clubs of Indiana as a loan.

"A recognized connoisseur of art, Mrs. Perkins was the moving spirit in the organization of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association at a meeting of the Indiana artists and art lovers in 1926, at which she presided. As chairman of the Art Department of the Woman's Department Club, she joined with the president of the Indiana Artists Club in calling a meeting for the organization of the Indiana Federation of Art Clubs, of which Mrs. Henry B. Burnet, Indianapolis, was made President and Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Secretary-Treasurer.

"She was devoted to her family and was the mother of two sons. The granddaughter who bears her name has made a number of gifts to organizations in her memory."

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Secretary, Miss Flora A. Broadus, Connersville.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. Harry Miller, Fairmount.

Program Chairman, Miss Merica Hoagland, Fort Wayne (now of Indianapolis).

The Thirteenth convention was held May 27, 28 and 29, 1902, in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Valparaiso.

The formal address of welcome was given by Ex-Congressman Mark L. DeMotte, which was followed by the address of the President, Mrs. Perkins. Her subject, "The Indiana Union of Clubs; Is There Reason for Its Being?" Attention was called to the date of organization and first annual meeting (June 4, 1890), and the fact that both men and women's clubs made up its membership. "That this breadth of early vision held much to commend was unquestioned. But the introduction of department work seemed to show a tendency to follow the lead of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and abandon the charm of our former attitude of literary endeavors."

The first evening closed with a reception in the church parlors given by the Harriet Beecher Stowe Club. "... this club, consisting of fourteen members and the only federated club in the city, had the courage to entertain the State Convention."

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Chairman of the Committee on Home Economics, said from the 185 clubs receiving a circular letter pertaining to the work of the committee, 40 replies had been received. She said: "... the replies were of all degrees of encouragement, from that of the club whose 'work is wholly literary and we do not study anything in particular,' to the one whose members 'have enough Home Economics at home.'"

Mrs. Meredith presented as speakers women who were teachers, and so well qualified to tell what is being attempted and accomplished in the teaching of Home Economics: Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, of Bradley Polytechnic Institute; Miss Alice Norton, University of Chicago; Mrs. Margaret Blair and Miss Juanita L. Sheppard, University of Minnesota.

TRAVELING ART EXHIBIT

Mrs. Charles B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne, Chairman of the Committee on Fine Arts, made the recommendation: "... that this committee be called the Art Committee, and that Music be made a separate and self-working committee." It was also decided with the consent of the Executive Committee, to establish "... a Traveling Picture Gallery to illustrate two Programs of Art." When the clubs in the Union were asked for financial support for this project, \$91 was subscribed from 81 clubs, enabling the establishment of two art sections, now traveling, leaving a balance believed sufficient to establish one, and possibly two more, for the coming year. Mrs. Woodworth paid tribute to the Art Committee of the Illinois State Federation for the kindly aid given. One section of this gallery is to consist of 72 foreign photographs ... with condensed biography attached to each one to illustrate programs on French painting. The second consists of 45 pictures illustrating "Things I Should Know About Pictures," covering art technique.

Mrs. Martin Sherman, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, said, "The World's Fair and Pan American Expositions were eye openers in architectural beauty and have been an impetus to American Art and Architecture." Mrs. J. W. Youche, Crown Point, read a paper on "Art for the Country Side."

An evening concert was given in the auditorium by the Choral Club of Valparaiso Normal College.

Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Meredith addressed the students at chapel exercises conducted by President H. B. Brown.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis, Chairman of the Committee on Education, reported that 250 letters had been sent to clubs in the Union, and out, and to the clubs belonging to the State Federation (kindly furnished by its corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring of South Bend), concerning the educational agencies in the

State, which they wished to consider. The result was ". . . that the feeling of the vast majority of the clubs is that their work should be limited to their own meetings. . . . that as clubs they have no special relation to the community, and have no consciousness of the propriety of their being correlated with the other organized forces of society. To my mind, however, it is evident that this attitude results from not having attended to the changes which society has experienced since the initiation of the club movement." Mrs. Sewall then presented the following speakers: Miss Mary Bidwell Breed, Dean of Women at Indiana University; Miss Eliza G. Browning, City Librarian, Indianapolis, and Mrs. H. H. Edwards, Bedford. On the subject, "Should the Press be Mirror or Mentor?" Miss M. Belle Clark, Fort Wayne, took the affirmative, with Mrs. Sewall responding.

A discussion concerning appointment of women on school boards led to the suggestion that the Business Committee appoint a committee to look after such legislation.

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Irvington, called for a discussion concerning the future of the Indiana Union. Mrs. Eva Rhobock, Wabash, and Miss Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis, entered into the discussion, but no mention is made of a decision being reached. (The Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs had been formed in 1900 with Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie, as the first President.)

The invitation presented by Mrs. Clara Calvin, Crawfordsville, from ". . . the clubs, the citizens and Wabash College" for the next convention, was accepted.

FALL CONVENTION

A motion was made and carried ". . . earnestly urging the local committee at Crawfordsville to arrange for the 1903 convention to be held in the fall," but this change evidently did not materialize until the convention of 1904, under Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock. Now, after some 35 years, the Indiana Federation has changed again to a Spring Convention. (A trial was to be made for a three-year term and at the 1937 May convention held in French Lick, the result showed that the majority wished to continue to hold the Annual Conventions in the Spring, although there is still the same uncertainty in the minds of many members as to which is preferable.)

The Election Board reported the result of the election to be: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl; Vice President, Mrs. H. M. Beer; Secretary, Miss Lillian E. Moore, Indianapolis; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Hackett (Mrs. Hackett later resigned and Mrs. R. E. Edwards, Peru, was appointed); Program Chairman, Mrs. Wallace Tharp.



Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl

FOURTEENTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

CRAWFORDSVILLE, 1903

PRESIDENT

MRS. ELIZABETH CLAYPOOL EARL (CONNERSVILLE), MUNCIE

Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl was the daughter of Austin B. and Hanna Ann (Petty) Claypool. She was born June 25, 1856, at Germantown, Indiana, and was a sister of Virginia Claypool Meredith.

At an early age, she moved with her parents to Connerville, where the Claypool children were pupils in Mother Ginn's School. Later, she attended Glendale College, near Cincinnati, where she graduated in 1876.

Her marriage to Morell J. Earl, in October, 1876, took her to Lafayette, Indiana, to live. Her husband lived only nine months and she returned to Connersville and made her home with her parents.

In a letter from Sara Walton West, Muncie, we have several short items concerning Mrs. Earl and the organizations in which she was most interested. "She was active in church and club work and was a member of the Dozen of Us Club and a charter member of the Clio Club, serving each as president.

"Mrs. Earl became active in State Library work during the term of Gov. Mount and was appointed by him on the Public Library Commission and served on it from 1899 until her death, December 8, 1931, at Lafayette, Indiana."

"For thirty years or more Mrs. Earl was an energizing force in every movement state or national for the betterment of libraries, writes Miss Evelyn Craig, Vevay. Libraries was her real all-absorbing enthusiasm and it was in library trustees' work she and I became such warm friends. This interest began as a club member and crystallized into the great interest of her life when she was president of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs.

"She was an honorary member of the Indiana Librarians' Association, the Indiana Trustees' Association, in which she had served in every office; the American Library Association, for which she was a vice president at the time of her death; and she was president of the Literary Division of the Indiana Library and Historical Department from the time of its organization until her passing. In these organizations Mrs. Earl was untiring in her efforts to further library progress, believing that the public library more than any other agency, opens the door for the greatest number into fields which broaden and enrich life. Mrs. Earl was a great leader, ' . . . a leader who did not walk ahead and say, follow me,' but she took your hand and led you along with her."

After both her parents had passed away Mrs. Earl moved to Muncie where she established her home and at once became active in the Y. W. C. A., the Business and Professional Woman's Club and the Muncie Woman's Club.

From the tribute to the memory of Mrs. Earl, written by Mrs. Edwin F. Miller (Year Book, 1932-33), we take the following: "Indiana mourns the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl who, to the library interests of the State, is 'As a mighty oak, falling at eventide.' Mrs. Earl served as secretary for the State in the GFWC in 1915-16 and chairman for Indiana in the raising of the Endowment Fund. At the Biennials in Chicago in 1914 and New York, 1916, she served as an aide to the president. When the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture asked Mrs. Pennybacker, president, to appoint a committee to co-operate with the federal department to ascertain what the government was

doing in the way of aid for women and children, Mrs. Earl was chosen as one of three women appointed.

"Mrs. Earl was an example of the highest type of American womanhood. Fine family background, educational opportunity, travel and observation, natural dignity, deep religious feeling, and rounded culture enabled her to understand the needs of her community—and that community grew from the neighborhood to the city, to the state, to the nation, and to the ideal of unity for all nations. From a wealth of experience and good will, a mind keen and steadfast and a spirit ever loyal to the best in life, she exerted a powerful influence in the civic life of her time."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville
Vice President, Mrs. H. B. Beer, Valparaiso
Secretary, Miss Lillian E. Moore, Indianapolis
Treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Edwards, Peru
Program Chairman, Mrs. Wallace Tharp, Crawfordsville.

The following is an interesting account of the Union during 1902 and 1903 written by Mrs. Earl and used in the Historical Edition of the Indiana Club Woman: "The administration of Mrs. Earl was especially gratifying in seeing the beginning of satisfactory development of the standing committees, which had been established previously by a committee of which she was chairman. Therefore, the program of the 1903 convention which was held in Crawfordsville, May 19, 20 and 21 was made up around the constructive work of these standing committees, the chairman of each presiding during her place on the program.

"Business, under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Eva Rohbock took its dignified and systematic place in the club's deliberations.

"Art, under the wise plans of Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, was most inspirational. The art exhibit during the convention and the address of Miss Anna Caufield, a member of the fine arts committee of the Paris Exposition and distinguished art critic, made the program a most brilliant success.

"Education, under the leadership of Mrs. May Wright Sewall, proved her ability to bring before the women a group of outstanding educational problems. Dr. Wm. Lowe Bryan spoke of the organization of the National Society to Promote Religious and Moral Training in all departments of the educational system; Charles A. Van Matre, Superintendent of Delaware County Schools and President of the Indiana State Teachers' Association, discussed 'Consolidation of Rural Schools;' C. B. Coleman, Butler, claimed that '... courses in commerce and industry would find their way along side the classics as legitimate cultural values in producing breadth of vision into the life of modern times.' Mrs. Belle Mansfield talked on 'Education by Corre-

spondence; Miss Arlena M. Chapin developed the relation of the club to the library; W. A. Millis, Crawfordsville, urged club women to dignify obedience, character and integrity, and seek less legislation and more law-making.

"Home Economics, under the able direction of Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, gave promise of state-wide interest and development. She commented on Miss Hunt's paper on 'Revaluation' as being as great a contribution to the Art of Living, as was the Declaration of Independence to State Craft."

AUTHORIZED ACTIONS

The convention authorized—

- 1—The appointment of a Civic Improvement Committee to investigate what was being done and report at the next convention. Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, Fort Wayne, was made chairman of this committee.
- 2—The changing of the time of the annual convention from spring to fall.
- 3—Subject to ratification by the clubs, the dues were increased from two to three dollars. (Change ratified.)

"No convention has ever stood out more prominently in its brilliant social entertainments and cordial hospitality, which was borne out by General Lew Wallace's remark in his very gracious address of welcome, 'In all your lives you never had so many willing servants at your command; we challenge you to exhaust our hospitality, if you can.' The most appreciated social event was the reception given by General and Mrs. Wallace, assisted by her sister, Mrs. Henry S. Lane. It was a beautiful afternoon and Mrs. Wallace and the President received under the famous Ben Hur beech tree; General Wallace received in his study which was of great interest to all. The whole affair was delightfully informal with the noted gracious hospitality of the Wallaces.

"A delightful feature of the convention was the entertainment by the local Dramatic Club, which presented 'A Russian Honey Moon' on Wednesday evening in Music Hall to an enthusiastic audience, showing excellent work and talent."

The subject of Mrs. Earl's address was "The Free Public Library." In closing, Mrs. Earl said: "I invite you to share in this supremely good work. I appeal to you as patriots, wishing the State well, and I appeal to you as philanthropists, wishing humanity well. Help the Free Public Library."

From the minutes we find Mrs. R. A. Edwards, Peru, was appointed to fill the Treasurer's office in place of Mrs. Hackett elected at the last convention and who resigned. Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne, read an invitation from the Woman's Club League, and the citizens of Fort

Wayne, to hold the next convention there, which was accepted and the date chosen was October, 1904. Eight new clubs had joined the Union during the past year, making 136 clubs affiliated. (This meant a loss of 60 clubs in 4 years, as at that time, 1892, there were 196.)

Mrs. C. B. Rohbock, Wabash, chairman of the Business Committee said in her report: "The Union has about half the membership it had a few years ago. What does it mean? Has the best gone? Are the days of usefulness over? . . . Or have those gone with whom clubs were but the fad of the hour? And is the real working force of the Union left?" She spoke of how proud they were of their library laws—the traveling libraries, the library commission—as works of the Union . . . and that "Prof. Millis will probably tell you . . . that if we are to have women on our school boards, it will take the appointment of a committee to present the matter to the Legislature. Though the committee might secure the passage of the law authorizing the same, a sentiment must be created to enforce as well as secure a law."

The recommendation was made that the offices of secretary and treasurer be again combined, which was carried.

Miss Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis, who was so vitally interested in all matters pertaining to libraries, and who worked for their betterment assiduously, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Educational Committee of the Union shall appoint in each library district designated by the Public Library Commission, one library secretary who shall be the head of all the effort of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs to aid library work within the district and to co-operate with the Commission in any way possible to advance the cause of library extension in Indiana."

Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood, in her talk "Practical Work for the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs," suggested new clubs be formed among women of factories and shops; appointment of a local historian in each town and city, the idea being endorsed by the Indiana Historical Society. The discussion which followed brought out the fact that Greencastle, through united effort of the clubs, had established a park and Terre Haute reported the recent organization of a woman's civic improvement society. Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, Terre Haute, moved, and it was carried that a Civic Improvement Committee of three be appointed to investigate work done in this line in the state and report at the next convention. Mrs. Dryer was appointed chairman and given the privilege of selecting members of her committee.

The convention closed with the Election Board reporting as follows: president, Mrs. Eva Buttles Rohbock, Wabash; vice president, Miss Elizabeth G. Browning; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Minnie A. McKnight; program chairman, Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.



Mrs. Eva Buttles Rohbock

FIFTEENTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

FORT WAYNE, 1904

PRESIDENT

MRS. EVA BUTTLES ROHBOCK, WABASH

Eva Buttles was born at Columbus, Ohio, February 19, 1851. There she attended the public schools and later a girl's college at Cleveland. She was married to Mr. Rohbock in 1871 and came to Wabash where she resided the remainder of her life. One of her three daughters, Miss Elizabeth S. Rohbock of Wabash, says, "Mother was always active in club and church work and very much interested in the Red Cross and was still chairman of the Board at the time of her death, April 6, 1935."

In the Historical Edition of the Club Woman, Mrs. Sheehan has written that: "Mrs. Rohbock was another Indiana woman, with an ever abiding faith in women's clubs, and continued interest in the Federation. She was mother of the first club formed in Wabash—The

Round Table, organized in 1880. (A member of the Federation today.) As a delegate from this club she attended the preliminary reception of the Indianapolis Woman's Club and the Richmond Convention, participating in the formation of the Union. She served as Secretary in 1900 and chairman of the Business Committee in 1902 and 1905-6. Our confidence in her business ability was further demonstrated by her later service when the Board of Trustees was established in 1912, and she was made its first chairman."

On page 8 of the 1935-6 year book is the following excerpt from the tribute to the memory of Mrs. Rohbock written at the time of her death by Mrs. Isaac Beitman; "Mrs. Rohbock was a founder and charter member of the Round Table, one of the oldest literary clubs in our state. Her outstanding position in club life was recognized in 1904 when she was elected to the presidency of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. (The Indiana Union of Literary Clubs.) She was a moving spirit in bringing this organization into existence. The history of our State Federation is an effective object lesson as to what can be accomplished by sound co-operation. This clearing-house, rather this amalgamation of hundreds of clubs throughout the state is regarded as the most important work of the kind that had her support. She gave her time, strength and intelligence to promoting and enlarging its organization. She was one of the signers of its "Articles of Incorporation," secured its charter, and was a member of its first Board of Trustees.

"Eva Rohbock had many acquaintances and just as many friends. It is only just that this should be as a regard for an active, intelligent life, devoted to efforts that she believed would help neighbor and townsman—a laborer in the vineyard for the commonweal."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Eva Buttles Rohbock, Wabash.

Vice President, Miss Eliza G. Browning, Indianapolis.

(Mrs. D. N. Foster, Fort Wayne, acting Vice President.)

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Minnie A. McKnight, Crawfordsville.

Program Chairman, Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.

Business, Mrs. George Felts, Fort Wayne.

(Mrs. Walter Olds, Fort Wayne, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Felts.)

Fine Arts, Miss Elizabeth Maria Niblack, Indianapolis.

Education, Prof. W. A. Millis, Crawfordsville.

(Appointed to fill vacancy, Nov. 1903.)

Home Economics, Mrs. Anna Lemcke, Evansville.

Music, Mrs. J. W. Youche, Crown Point.

Civic Improvement, Mrs. Alice Dryer, Terre Haute.

The Fifteenth Convention was held in the First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, October 25, 26, 27, 1904. Each member, as she

arrived, was presented a badge with a medallion of Anthony Wayne on it.

Mrs. D. N. Foster, Fort Wayne, Acting Vice President, presided at the first session, at which an open parliament was held on "The Value of a Reciprocity Bureau," with Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, Indianapolis, leading. (Mrs. Saylor, at an executive meeting held during the year, had suggested the establishment of such a Bureau.)

In the address of welcome Judge Robert S. Taylor, Fort Wayne, said, "They, literary clubs, are a most potent force for the education of that wise and efficient public opinion which always governs the country in the final decision."

From Mrs. Rohbock's address we take, "Education should teach not how to make a living, but how to make life worth living." She said, "The literary club of today is here because of this desire for more education." She outlined ways in which the standing committees could function with greater efficiency—always keeping in mind "... the right motive, the right method, the right aim, in all our plan of work. To be careful in our undertakings lest we attempt too much ... for we cannot do them all well."

The Morning Musical, Fort Wayne, (which had just returned to membership in the Union) gave a most delightful recital.

Prof. Millis submitted a report of the Committee on Education outlining the objects: "... urging that the public not demand educational 'fads', but that the public schools should place a greater emphasis on fundamental subjects." He said, "The schools should not be the victim of every passing fancy nor the beast of burden for every fresh-blown reform." Mrs. Anna Lemcke of the Home Economics Committee, desired to accomplish a sentiment favoring the teaching of Home Economics in the schools, colleges and clubs of the state, and Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne, recommended the continuance of the Civic Improvement Committee, as much interest had been shown by the clubs.

Mrs. Earl, who was in charge of the exhibit of club work for Indiana at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, reported that Prof. Millis, director of the educational exhibit, also invited the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs to participate and called the exhibit "Indiana Literary Clubs." The exhibit included the following:

- 1—A map of Indiana indicating by colored dots the number and location of literary clubs over the state; clubs not affiliated, those belonging to the State Federation and those belonging to the Union. This map was presented to the State Federation to be used in their exhibit, also.
- 2—A bound volume of the complete file of year books, this volume to become the property of the Indiana Union at the close of the Exposition.
- 3—A short history for the volume "Education in Indiana."

Others on the convention program were Miss Ida Mendenhall, who spoke on Library work; Mrs. Meredith, "Protection of Our Forests;" Mrs. Johnson described the work of the Richmond Art Association; Mr. Frank C. Tilden, DePauw University, "Literature as an Expression of Life;" Miss Elizabeth Ames, Greencastle, "The Modern Novel and Its Popularity;" Mrs. A. G. Rose, Martinsville, "Short Story and Modern Life;" Mrs. Thomas Bagot, Anderson, "Magazine Reading and Its Results in Literature and Life;" "Modern Literature Versus the Classics for Club Study," Mrs. John Niblick, Decatur; "Methods of Study for Modern Literature," Mr. W. O. Bailey, Tri-State Normal, Angola, and "Shakespeare's Indebtedness to the Bible," Rev. Albert Hurstone, Indianapolis.

"Breaking Home Ties," the musical part of the program, was presented by Mr. Max Ehrmann, Terre Haute, who read a story to musical accompaniment, written with the picture of the same name which attracted so much attention at the World's Fair.

Miss Niblack, chairman of the Art Committee, gave her report and followed it with a lecture, "Symbolism in Chinese Art," illustrated with her valuable and magnificent collection of Chinese embroidery.

Mrs. Woodworth, former chairman of the Traveling Galleries, said the interest manifested in response to the efforts of the past year, "... leads the chairman to feel that there is a real demand for art talks throughout the state and a real mission for any one who can afford to go into the work for a price within the reach of the smaller clubs."

ROBERT DALE OWEN MEMORIAL

Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins asked the members to join in a movement to establish a memorial to Robert Dale Owen, and received the endorsement of the convention. (We find that Minnetta T. Taylor, president of the Indiana State Federation, had appointed a committee with Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, chairman, and in part their report reads, "... After a careful study of the life and work of Robert Dale Owen, we find that to him, more than to any other man, living or dead, are we indebted for some of our most valuable educational privileges and legal rights.")

ACTION ON CONSOLIDATION

A lengthy discussion was held on several questions pertaining to the future of the Indiana Union as follows: "What is the Mission of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs?" "Shall the Indiana Union be made a distinctively literary organization?" (Decision of which was postponed until next convention.) Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne, then "... moved that the Business Committee be instructed to take some steps looking toward the consolidation of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs and the Indiana State Federation of

(Women's) Clubs." This motion was carried and the result was that in 1906, just two years later, the consolidation of the two organizations was consummated.

A resolution was approved that a committee of three be appointed to urge upon the proper committee and legislators, the necessity of establishment of a department of Home Economics in Purdue University, and that a proper appropriation for the maintenance of the same be asked." The dues were raised from \$2 to \$3; a committee of three was appointed to formulate a method for a Reciprocity Bureau and Indianapolis was selected as the next convention city.

With the announcement of the new officers by the Business Committee, the 1904 convention came to a close: President, Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood; Vice President, Mrs. E. C. Atkins, Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne; Program Chairman, Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute.

Fort Wayne Woman's Club



Anna L. Saylor

SIXTEENTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, 1905

PRESIDENT

ANNA L. SAYLOR (MRS. FRANK L.), ELWOOD (BERKELEY, CALIF.)

In a letter to Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, 1927, then president of the Indiana Federation, Mrs. Saylor gives the following interesting information:

"I was born in Terre Haute, attended the Indiana State Normal and taught school until I was married. With Mr. Saylor, and our son and daughter, we moved from Elwood, where we had lived for several years, to Indianapolis, and in 1912 we came to Berkeley, California.

"In 1918 I had the honor of being the first woman to be elected to a State Office from Alameda County, and was one of the original four to be elected to the State Legislature. I have been elected four

times and altogether have represented the district in which the University of California is located, for a period of eight years. My district comprises East Berkeley and North Oakland. I declined to run again at the last State election because I wanted to assist in the election of my predecessor in office for ten years prior to my being elected to it—The Honorable C. C. Young, present governor of California.

"At present I am interested in a City Club for Berkeley, an Americanization House for our foreign population, and the building of a Girls' Rescue and Protective Home in Oakland.

"My love for California has not lessened my love for my native state and her wonderful people.

"Proud old State of Indiana,
Land where every friend is true,
I could ask no richer blessing
Than to live and die with you."

In a letter from Mrs. Saylor written to Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, early in 1937, we have the following: "My record is as follows: Director State Department Social Welfare, President of its Board of Directors. Only woman on Governor Young's Cabinet. (Above in 1927-31). Director of Mental Hygiene Survey of California. Member President Hoover's White House Conference on Child Health and Protection.

"When Governor Young went out of office I resigned and took a trip around the world, studying social conditions in Japan, India and some European countries.

". . . my activities, at present, are centered on the Pacific Protective Society, Northern California Division, which is one of a dozen branches scattered along the Pacific Coast from Alaska to Mexico. We are just now making our plans for an adequate building and grounds.

"In my humble opinion, the development of the 'Woman Movement' in Indiana, has been the most logical and far-reaching of any state in the Union. With such leaders as May Wright Sewall, Virginia C. Meredith, Eva B. Rohbock, Grace Julian Clarke, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Mrs. Mummert, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Mrs. Stewart, and many, many others of equal caliber, it could not have been otherwise.

"I shall never cease being thankful for that amalgamation of womanhood."

OFFICERS

President, Anna L. Saylor (Mrs. Frank L.), Elwood.

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Program Chairman, Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute.

Committee Chairmen

Business, Mrs. Walter Olds, Fort Wayne.
Education, Prof. Stanley Coulter, Lafayette.
Home Economics, Mrs. George R. Carter, Connersville.
Art, Miss Eliza M. Niblack, Indianapolis.
Music, Mrs. Rose Hetrick, Warsaw.
Civics, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.
Reciprocity (Special), Mrs. R. L. Saylor.
Legislative (Special), Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

The Sixteenth Convention was held in the Propylaeum, Indianapolis, October 10 and 11, 1905.

At the first session, called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. Atkins, the Home Economics Committee Chairman, Mrs. George R. Carter, reported that Purdue University had inaugurated a department of Home Economics, and called upon Mrs. Meredith to give a report from the special committee which had been appointed at the 1904 convention, to ask the State Legislature to establish such a department at Purdue. Mrs. Meredith reported that the committee "... had not made an appeal to the Legislature, nor had it done work of any kind, yet without state aid a chair of Household Science had been established at Purdue University," and then she presented Miss Joy Harner, head of the department, which is not yet six weeks old. Mrs. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, in the discussion which followed, told of her successful experiment with cooking and sewing classes, conducted after school hours and using the equipment of the High School building for her class work.

Mrs. Saylor, in her address, said, "I would not ask club women to do more club work, but I would insist upon them covering less ground with more directness, more thoroughness." This was followed by a tenor solo, "Indiana," rendered by Mr. Edward Taylor, Indianapolis. The music of the song was composed expressly for and dedicated to the Indiana Union by Mr. Taylor, and was a delightful presentation. An elaborate banquet closed this first session.

Quoting again from Mrs. Saylor's letter to Mrs. Sheehan, June 25, 1927, which states so clearly the work accomplished during the years of 1904 and 1905, we find: "In complying with your request for an historical account of my administration as President of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, my mind wanders back through memory lane to that galaxy of purposeful and dynamic women who were my closest co-workers, and I am appalled at the number who have passed to the Great Beyond.

"Mrs. Chas. B. Woodworth, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. E. C. Atkins, Vice President; Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Mrs. Jno. F. McClure, Mrs. Jno. W. Call, Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Mrs. Wm. S. Major, Miss Eliza Niblack, and many others like them, made my administration what it was.

"Prior to 1904 our Annual Conventions were held in May and the delegates were entertained gratis; but our membership increased to such an extent that it was a burden to the cities entertaining, and a source of embarrassment to the delegates. At the Sixteenth Annual Convention (Indianapolis, 1905), over which I presided, we discontinued the practice of free entertainment of delegates.

CONSOLIDATION DATA

In a letter to Mrs. Balz, 1937, concerning the consolidation period, Mrs. Saylor writes: "My one great desire as President was to bring about an harmonious consolidation of the Union and the Federation, and my plan was to induce the respective organizations to appoint a committee with power to meet jointly and effect a consolidation. I presented my plan to Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, President of the General Federation, and she took the matter up with Mrs. Mummert, President of the Indiana State Federation. She caught the vision at once, with the result that each 1905 convention authorized a joint committee, which resulted, finally, in a consolidation meeting in Fort Wayne in 1906."

KEYNOTE—RECIPROCITY

"To go back to the Indianapolis Convention—"The Keynote was Reciprocity" in its larger sense, as applied to the new educational movement in art, household economics, also the civic and social problems of the time. Prior to this convention our programs dealt largely with art and literary subjects, for we were truly a Union of Literary Clubs.

"On the program for the convention were, W. D. Howe, Butler University; Miss Isabel Bevier, University of Illinois; Mr. W. H. Fox, Director of Herron Art Institute; Mr. Evans W. Woollen, Indianapolis; Mr. Clinton Woodruff, Philadelphia.

"The Civic Improvement Committee made a large contribution to the program by enumerating the things that had been initiated by that committee in the various towns through Club and Community Reciprocity. They beautified cemeteries, made and improved lawns around railroad stations, public schools, libraries, and Court Houses; rest rooms were established for tired country folk, and many other things were done through suggestion and cooperation.

"The Art Committee reported great success with the newly created Traveling Art Gallery, also, the value and scope of many art lectures made by members of the Art Committee. It reported that the two-year loan of 250 photographs covering Italian architecture, sculpture and painting, making a fourth traveling exhibit available.

"We pleaded with the women to train themselves and their children to a truer appreciation of the dignity of honest labor. We urged them to work, think, pray, behave and save. Near the close of the

Convention a mere man had the courage to rise and say, 'Be yourselves, humanity needs you, your deeds and your dreams—your hopes and your fears, and even your doubts—be yourself.' Prolonged applause was his instant reward. We were finding a larger purpose. Through the spirit of Reciprocity we were realizing that such ambitions as self-culture and self-aggrandizement were better if used as a means of promoting better moral, social and economic conditions for every man, woman and child in the community."

FURTHERING CONSOLIDATION PLANS

Consideration was then given to the taking of steps looking toward the consolidation of the Indiana Union and the State Federation. After a general discussion, which was entered into by the Mesdames Perkins, Dryer, Kinsey, Rohbock and Johnson, the following motion was made and carried, 103 for and 43 against: "That the question of consolidation be referred to the Business Committee (Mrs. Walter Olds, Fort Wayne, Chairman), with the power to meet a like committee from the State Federation, for conference, and report at the next annual meeting any plan that may be formed from such conference." Mrs. Olds then moved, and the motion carried, that the Indiana Union make formal application for membership in the General Federation, and she was appointed chairman of this committee. However, we find no record in the minutes as to whether or not this was done. This was the first definite step within the Union towards the consolidation of the two organizations, and another year was to elapse before the results would be shown.

The Convention was honored by the presence of Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, wife of the Vice President of the United States, who was called to the platform and responded to the greeting of Mrs. Saylor.

From the minutes we take a few pertinent facts. House Bill No. 70, which was introduced to nullify the work of the State Library Committee, for which the Union had labored arduously, was defeated. The Chairman of the Business Committee was made a member of the Executive Committee, and ex-treasurers were made honorary members of the Union.

Again the musical and literary programs were a delight, as well as the brilliant reception given by the affiliated clubs of Indianapolis.

DECKER-SAYLOR LETTERS

The following copies of confidential letters sent in 1937 to Mrs. Balz for historical data, passed between Mrs. Decker, then President of the General Federation, and Mrs. Saylor, and which have been in the possession of Mrs. Saylor since 1905, give a clearer understanding of the conditions which existed during the time these two women's organizations were functioning in Indiana. Mrs. Saylor, (1937) writes: "The truth is, both sides were acting in perfectly good

faith, but somehow we became so tangled up in the *modus operandi* that we lost sight of the goal for a time." These letters are now published for the first time and with the permission of Mrs. Saylor, as part of the history of the Indiana Federation of Clubs.

Letter No. 1, which carried no date, was written on or near March 1, 1905. (Note to this effect from Mrs. Saylor, 1937.)

"My dear Mrs. Decker:

Confidentially, I should like to ask if you think it possible for the I. U. L. C., to ever become the State Federation without laying down our work and joining the present State Federation? We have this year 135 paid-up clubs and a number of clubs have applied for admission. Our organization is 16 years old and contains the finest clubs and most intellectual people in Indiana. . . . The I. U. L. C. is willing to go half way, but we cannot go all the way, with any sort of dignity, to effect a reconciliation.

"Can you do or suggest anything that will help us? We do not feel like joining the General Federation unless we are recognized as the State Federation. It would be very humiliating to us to do this, because the circumstances under which the State Federation was formed. . . ."

Letter No. 2

"Denver, Colo. *First Wayne Woman's* March 15, 1905.

Dear Mrs. Saylor:

I assure you that I have had Indiana on my mind for a long time, long before I was elected president. I cannot see the way out of the difficulty, unless someone makes a great sacrifice. Of course the General Federation can do but one thing, and that is, to recognize the State Federation. Indeed, they have done that, and they could not now take away that recognition. You will see the fairness of that yourself.

"As to the formation of the State Federation, as I have understood the facts, for years some of the club women of the State pleaded with the Indiana Union of Clubs and with powerful women of Indiana, to join the General Federation, or to organize a State Federation. This they refused to do over and over again, and finally it became apparent to the club women of the country, that there would be no hope of the Indiana Union in the matter of the State Federation. Now I may have been misinformed, but Mrs. Lowe, the former President, so

understood the matter. It was absolutely in the hands of the Indiana Union, as I understood it, but they were not willing to do anything about it, or to take advantage of their opportunity, and so the few club women who believed in the State Federation, organized and joined the State Federation.

"I do not suppose it can ever be possible that we could recognize the Indiana Union as the State Federation, but I assure you my heart aches when I think of it. If there was anything I could do personally to bring the two organizations together, I would gladly do it. When I think of the splendid women there must be in the State of Indiana, when I know your state institutions are perhaps the best managed of any state in the Union, and that you could give to the rest of the country such a wonderful help and impetus, certainly in that line of work, if not in many others, I do deplore the fact that we cannot have the powerful organization that we should have in your state. We should have 100,000 women in the State Federation of Indiana today. When we try to select committees and we come to Indiana, we do not know the women of Indiana. We know Mrs. Sewall and Mrs. Fairbank, and very few others. It does seem to me that we ought to contrive some way by which you will take your place with the other states in the General Federation.

"I am writing very freely to you and I desire that this be confidential, but will you not think it over carefully. I know it would be asking a great deal of you to give in to the State Federation, but sometimes I have wondered whether great sacrifices on both sides would not be the means of bringing about such great results for the State and for others, that it would be well worthwhile to make them.

"I am so much interested in your club circulars. I think they are fine, and I shall be very glad to hear from you at any time. I hope now to come to the Indiana State Federation next October, and then I may have the pleasure of seeing you.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) SARAH S. PLATT DECKER."

Letter No. 3

"Elwood, Ind., Mar. 20, 1905.

My dear Mrs. Decker:

"Your very interesting letter is before me. There are always two sides to every question; you understand one side and I the other. When the division occurred I was in no way connected with the Union of Clubs, so all I know is what the officials of the Union have told me. However, this question is of no importance now. The fact is we have two state organizations when we should have but one. No doubt mistakes were made on both sides and if the women of Indiana have the true spirit of the federation of the world such slight wounds as these should be healed by this time. One of the greatest desires of my life is that I may live to see the women of Indiana laboring for the same great cause under the same regime. I understand fully your position and it would be unjust for the Union to expect you to take steps against the State Federation. To my mind there is but one way to bring the two organizations together. My plan is this: If the Union will lay down its work, disband as it were, will the State Federation do the same thing? If such sentiment could be created in both, it would be an easy matter to appoint an election board from each consisting of the same number and give that board absolute power to elect the officers and frame the constitution for the new State Federation. In this each side will be making an equal sacrifice. The officers could be equally distributed and the representation the same.

"If you can induce Mrs. Mummert, president of the State Federation, and her official staff to come to such an agreement, I will do everything in my power to create such a sentiment in the Union. It is doubtful if such could be accomplished this year, but as Lincoln said, 'Public sentiment is everything; with it nothing can fail, without it nothing can succeed.' We never know what can be accomplished until the effort is made. The truth is the Union is gaining grounds very rapidly because our work is carried on in a very peaceful, dignified way and has never had any sensational features. We are not anxious to join the General Federation for the mere honor of it, but we feel ashamed that the Christian women of our state although advocating the same good thing, should do so in an unfriendly spirit and un-Christian life.

"While the officers of the Union are doing everything possible to increase our intellectual and numerical strength, yet we realize that it would be much better if the women of Indiana could agree and labor together. I have not discussed this to any very great extent, but I am convinced that any reasonable solution of this problem would be favorably received by the Union. I have not made this plan known to any one of my staff and will not until I have heard from you. I would not like to have the Federation know of this plan until I had thoroughly discussed it with my staff and had their sanction.

"If you regard this plan as at all feasible, please let me hear from you as soon as possible. What I have said is in the strictest confidence and of course what you have said to me will be held the same. Our meeting is held in Indianapolis, October 9, 10, 11 and the State Federation in Vincennes the 11th, 12th, 13th of October, so if you can come via Indianapolis we would be very glad indeed to have you spend some time with us. Would not this be an excellent opportunity for you to come as 'peace maker' and talk to us both? You could do more to bring this about than any other living being. What we need is a leader, one of recognized authority. I may be very greatly deceived in women of Indiana, but I have faith in them and believe them to be sincere in their motives. Divided as we are, we have each been a great power in the State, but how much more good we might do if we worked as one.

"That the Creator of all things direct us in this great work is my earnest prayer.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) MRS. SAYLOR."

(Mrs. Decker could not attend.)

Letter No. 4

"March 29.

Your last letter gave me the only light I have ever had in the Indiana situation because it showed that you were willing to be generous and unselfish and to sacrifice to bring about the great result. I will confess that all the other letters from both sides have been most uncompromising. No suggestions of yielding. It would be glorious if your sweet spirit could bring about such a thing as this Union. I am going to propose your plan

to Mrs. Mummert and let it permeate until I come in the Autumn. If possible I will try to come in October for a day to you, but I cannot yet be sure of my engagements at that time, but I am sure we will try our best. I should feel that my Presidency had not been in vain if in the slightest degree I could be instrumental to this better condition. My own feeling has been that the Federation has had poor leaders; it is one thing to be a 'boss' but far greater to lead unselfishly. I heard of the trouble last year and it seemed so sad and trivial. Please write me freely and let us understand each other. I feel as if you are the right one for the crisis.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) SARAH S. PLATT DECKER."

With the acceptance of the invitation from Rev. S. C. Dickey, D. D., President of the Winona Assembly, that the Indiana Union hold its next convention in October at Winona Lake, and the announcement of the elected officers, the sixteenth convention of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs (destined to be next to the final meeting) closed. Mrs. Saylor read the following list of newly elected officers: President, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City; Vice President, Mrs. O. B. Jameson, Indianapolis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. William S. Major, Shelbyville, and Program Chairman, Mrs. Charles M. Curry, Terre Haute.



Virginia Claypool Meredith (1936)

SEVENTEENTH CONVENTION

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

WINONA LAKE, 1906

PRESIDENT

MRS. VIRGINIA C. MEREDITH, CAMBRIDGE CITY

Mrs. Meredith is the only woman who has had the honor of serving twice as president of the State Organization of Clubs during its existence of nearly fifty years. What greater tribute could the club women of Indiana have paid Mrs. Meredith than that of electing her to head the Indiana Union at this most crucial time.

Details of Mrs. Meredith's life, with which most of us are familiar, will be found in the chapter on the Sixth Convention of the Indiana Union earlier in this history.

Mrs. Meredith passed away December 10, 1936 at the age of 88 years, and on January 12, 1937 Purdue University held special memorial exercises for her. The Foreword in the program of the service held in her memory in Eliza Fowler Hall, West Lafayette, reads: "The publication of this little volume will, it is certain, be deeply appreciated by all of the many who were fortunate to be within the country-wide circle of the friendship of Mrs. Meredith, and by those who are aware of the influential part she had, through many years, in the upbuilding of Purdue University.

"Principally these pages contain the tributes spoken at the special memorial exercises held on the afternoon of January 12, 1937, as a fitting part of the program of the annual Agricultural Conference. Here were gathered her friends from all over Indiana and from other states where Mrs. Meredith was recognized as a leader for better agriculture and better human culture.

"Whenever and wherever there is a character such as Virginia Claypool Meredith the world will be levelled upward.

(Signed) EDWARD C. ELLIOTT."

Among those who paid tribute to Mrs. Meredith were Marguerite Hall Albjerg; Mary Tyler, representing Omicron Nu, National Honorary Home Economics Society; Lillian A. Murphy, The Home Economics Club at Purdue; Mrs. George W. Jaqua of The Indiana Federation of Clubs; Mrs. Elmer Waters of the Indiana Home Economics Association; Earl E. Robbins from the Indiana Livestock Breeders' Association; Albert Ferris of the Farmers' Institute Staff; David E. Ross, representing the University Trustees. The volume also contains a tribute from the Board of Trustees and the Faculty

and closes with the following by President Edward C. Elliott: "Thus comes to an end a brilliant career of devoted service to the nation, the state, the University, and above all to the advancement of the place of women in our civilization. All who had the privilege of working with her were constantly the beneficiaries of her kindly and far-sighted wisdom. She was an ideal University trustee. The best of her life was built into the University she loved so well."

Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, president of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, in the following words paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. Meredith: "With the passing of Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, our esteemed, beloved Honorary President, we lose our last link between those women of the beginning club movement in Indiana, so long ago, and our own time. Mrs. Meredith, whose sagacity we all recognize and so highly appreciate, had a great part in the very foundations, as well as in the later structure of this organization of ours, and much of that which is fine in Indiana club life today, we owe directly to her fine thinking. She pioneered in so many women's fields—in education, in business, in club organization, and in professional education for home making.

"Where shall we turn to find a woman who will carry on as she has done? Ever must we cherish and hold fast that which she has given us, keeping it a living thing, upon which we shall build, if we would keep faith with her."

OFFICERS

The officers during this seventeenth and last convention of the Indiana Union were:

President, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
 Vice President, Mrs. O. B. Jameson, Indianapolis.
 Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. William S. Major, Shelbyville.
 Program Chairman, Mrs. Charles M. Curry, Terre Haute.
 Business Committee Chairman, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.

Other Committee Chairmen

Education, Prof. James A. Wickersham, Terre Haute.
 Art, Miss Eliza M. Niblack, Indianapolis.
 Domestic Science, Mrs. O. N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne.
 Music, Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne.
 Civics, Mrs. Chas. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne.
 Reciprocity (Special), Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.
 GFWC Committee (Special), Mrs. Walter Olds, Fort Wayne.
 Auditors, Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Cora Campbell Barnett, Indianapolis.

The consolidation of the two organizations—The Union and the Indiana State Federation—was no doubt the main thought in the mind

of every one as they gathered in Winona Lake, "The Land of the Princess," for this epoch-making meeting, October 9, 10, 11, 1906.

NO HOST MEETING

The fact that this was the first convention of the Union ever held where there was no host, the affairs of the convention were left in the hands of the executive committee. The work went forward through committee meetings and correspondence and in the minutes we find that Miss Niblack, chairman of the Art Committee, had made arrangements to have an Arts and Crafts exhibit and that \$100 to \$150 was allowed for the program, which we see easily measured up to the programs of former years.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Meredith, and from her address—"Is the Club Worth While?" we select but a few of the many inspiring thoughts presented. "It is said that the distinct achievement of modern life is the growth of that sentiment expressed in that strong phrase—the brotherhood of man. . . . Responsibility and efficiency—these are the characteristics of the present age. . . . The club is bound neither by tradition nor superstition and has an abounding personality. . . . In organization we find strength. . . . Together we may discuss important questions, together we may reach sane and safe conclusions and together we may do efficient work for humanity. We meet in convention to refresh our souls and to repeat anew the club pledge: 'Holding sacred and worthy of unfailing loyalty my membership in the Club, I will sustain its good work and guard its reputation.'"

Many prominent men and women were on the program for that three-day session. Mr. Edward H. Davis, Purdue University; Prof. Thomas H. Briggs, Eastern Illinois State Normal, Charleston; Mr. Halsey C. Ives, Director of the Museum of Fine Arts, St. Louis; Hon. Fassett A. Cotton, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Prof Barnard, State Chemist, in his address on "Pure Food and Drugs" said: "An educational movement, fostered by physicians, honest manufacturers, the legitimate press and the greatest power of all, the National (General) Federation of Women's Clubs, finally aroused such an interest in the subject that congress . . . passed what we now know as the 'National Pure Food Bill.'"

Mrs. O. N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, chairman of the Domestic Science committee, closed her report with: "There is no other department of life at present that needs the careful study and scientific thought that is needed in housekeeping. . . . Yet in our clubs we often take up subjects absolutely unrelated to life and leave the problems that are ours largely untouched. . . . This is our work, to create the ideals out of which the best things grow."

Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood, presented a list of lecturers, readers, etc., available for clubs over the state. Mrs. Reynolds speaking in the

interests of circulating libraries and Mrs. Clark of the Winona Schools, gave some of the chief features of their work.

In the reports of the business session we find 119 clubs enrolled, 94 with dues paid and 23 still delinquent. Mrs. Rohbock, chairman of the Business committee, recommended: That the officers and committees of the Indiana Union hold over, keeping the present organization of the Union intact, until such time as the consolidation body shall be organized, and that the secretary issue the annual report the same as in former years. It was also decided that any surplus on hand, after paying all expenses of the administration, be given to the Winona Girls' School for a reference book fund, and that in recognition of the many courtesies shown the convention by the School that a special donation be taken up, which resulted in \$28 being turned over to them.

Many delightful musical programs and readings were given. The Fort Wayne Morning Musical gave a recital, as did also the Faculty members of the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music. The reception held at the Winona Hotel by the Winona Assembly, assisted by the members of the Winona and Warsaw clubs, was the only social function of the convention. Dr. and Mrs. Dickey (Mr. Dickey was president of the Winona Assembly), officers, and chairmen of standing committees of the Union constituted the receiving line.

THE ALL IMPORTANT QUESTION

At 10:30 Wednesday morning, October 10, Mrs. Meredith, in a few well-chosen words, explained to the delegates the importance of careful consideration of the "all important question" (the consolidation of the two organizations) which would be presented to them to vote upon during the morning session.

Mrs. Sheehan, in the Historical Edition of the Club Woman says: "From the beginning (see organization of the Indiana Union) it had been made up of mixed organizations, clubs numbering among their members, men as well as women. Those men had participated in the annual meetings from the inception of the Union . . . always there had been several, although greatly in the minority; in earlier years they had been active mainly in taking part in the program; later we find them serving on many committees, frequently as chairmen, and finally one of their number was honored by being elected president." (Prof. John B. Wisely.)

In the beginning of the General Federation organization, clubs affiliated directly and delegates from clubs belonging to the Indiana Union attended these meetings for years, participated in the programs and served on committees. The Indiana Union was the first state organization of general clubs. (Although Kansas uses the date 1881, this seems to have been a joint association of Social Science

groups in Kansas. Missouri organized in 1892 and Massachusetts and Iowa in 1893 with several the following year.) "As these organizations were formed, they affiliated with the General Federation as state groups and pressure was soon brought to bear on Indiana club women for the oldest and largest group to affiliate as such.

"The Indiana Union considered the influence of the mixed clubs of greater value than membership with the national body, and at that time believed that mixed clubs could not be retained if the Union became affiliated, and consequently, these appeals for years fell on deaf ears. However, in 1897, so strong had they become, that it was felt that there was room in Indiana for two organizations, and the president of the Indianapolis Woman's Club, Mrs. Henry D. Pierce, recommended that that club 'take the initiative in forming a State Federation of Women's Clubs in harmony with the General Federation of Women's Clubs and necessarily affiliated with that body.' A committee of five was appointed, with Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke taking the lead in the movement. After much correspondence, it was found that more than thirty clubs would be willing to attend a convention in October, when the General Federation President could be present.

Meanwhile, other groups were being importuned to aid in the organization, and it was at this time that the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs was born. This group joined the General Federation immediately. From that day forward, covering a period of several years, the question of the advisability of the Union joining the national federation or amalgamating with the new state organization, which already belonged, came up at each convention."

Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash (a past president of the Union), Chairman of the Business Committee and Chairman of the Joint Conference Committee, reported that the first meeting of the Joint Conference Committee had been held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, January 17, 1906, the result of which was the drafting of a circular letter recommending the consolidation. Her report, in part, is as follows:

We recommend:

1st. The consolidation of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs and the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs.

2nd. The details to be arranged by a committee. Said committee to consist of fifteen members from each organization.

3rd. That the name of the new organization be left to the consolidated body, as represented by the two committees.

4th. That said committee accept the invitation of the

Woman's Club League of Fort Wayne, and meet in that city to perfect the organization, and elect the officers, etc., immediately upon the adjournment of this convention.

Eva B. Rohbock, Chairman

Annie L. Taylor

(Signed) Elizabeth B. Hitt

Cora C. Barnett

Mary J. Niblick

Carrie M. Bigler."

We find Mr. Lane, Fort Wayne, voicing that "... a subject of such magnitude, should be recorded in history, in his judgment the vote should be taken by roll call." This resulted in 84 yeas and 14 nays. Mrs. Earl of Connersville, one of four talking against the adoption of the recommendation, the others being Mrs. O. B. Jameson, Prof. Wisely and Mrs. Lewis Robinson, moved the result be declared unanimous, which Mrs. Dryer of Terre Haute seconded, "... and every representative in the hall arose to her feet."

A committee of three, composed of Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Chas. M. Curry, Terre Haute, and Miss Harriet D. Frazer, Warsaw, was appointed by the president to select 15 women to go to Fort Wayne to meet a like number from the Federation of Clubs and effect the new state organization.

DECISION ON CONSOLIDATION

"According to previous arrangement by the Joint Conference Committee, the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs and the Federation of Women's Clubs should hold their session for considering the consolidation question at the same hour. Immediately after the result of the vote was learned, the president of each organization would telegraph the result to the other.

"The president of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs sent a message to Mrs. Mummert, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, which was in session at Muncie, stating the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs had voted unanimously for consolidation."

Mrs. Woodworth then presented a motion, which was carried, that the Secretary be instructed to send a telegram at once to Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, president of the General Federation. Mrs. Decker was then attending the Indiana State Federation convention in session at Muncie, inviting her to attend Thursday's session of the Indiana Union. Mrs. Decker, however, was unable to accept the invitation.

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke describes the receipt of the telegram from Mrs. Meredith, president of the Indiana Union, to Mrs. Mummert,

president of the Indiana State Federation, as follows: "I was a delegate that year to the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs convention in Muncie and I distinctly remember the sense of relief and joy occasioned by the reading of that message. It seemed as if we had come out of the woods of doubt and uncertainty into the sunshine of assurance.

"Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, president of the General Federation, was present at the Muncie convention and I can never forget the earnestness with which she set forth the importance of a union of the two State organizations and urged that each should cheerfully make whatever sacrifices seemed necessary to effect this result.

"It was at this meeting too that I was first impressed with Mrs. Sarah P. Kinsey's fine spirit, her talk during the discussion of the conference committee's report being characterized by two qualities with which we all became familiar later on, namely, common sense and a delightful humor.

"The report of the conference committee gave rise to prolonged discussion, opposition centering on the third clause, i. e., that the name of the new organization be left to 'the consolidated body represented by the two committees.' It was insisted that the name 'Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs' must be adopted, that there could be no alternative, and it was this strenuous demand that called forth the speeches of Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Kinsey, the latter having been elected one of the eight directors of the General Federation at the St. Paul Biennial the preceding June. The report of the conference committee was finally adopted with the exception of the third clause and the committee of fifteen was instructed to insist on the name, 'Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs.'"

CONSOLIDATION MEETING
of
The Indiana Union of Literary Clubs
and
The Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

FORT WAYNE, OCTOBER 12, 1906

On October 12, 1906, the Joint Committee on Consolidation met in the assembly room of the Court House in Fort Wayne, fifteen delegates from each of the two organizations.

Those chosen by the committee of three from the Indiana Union were as follows:

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
Mrs. Ovid B. Jameson, Indianapolis.
Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.
Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.
Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.
Mrs. D. N. Foster, Fort Wayne.
Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Terre Haute.
Mrs. Charles M. Curry, Terre Haute.
Mrs. Cora C. Barnett, Indianapolis.
Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne.
Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.
Mrs. Warren Bigler, Wabash.
Mrs. John Niblick, Decatur.
Mrs. E. A. Youche, Crown Point.
Mrs. Perley E. Zartman, Winona Lake.

The fifteen women from the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs were:

Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Goshen.
Mrs. D. L. Leas, Waterloo.
Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie.
Mrs. Martha N. Carter, Muncie.
Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle.
Mrs. Ryall T. Miller, South Bend.
Mrs. Julia Conklin, Westfield.
Miss Katharine McIlvaine, Vincennes.
Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn.
Mrs. Julia Jamison, Kendallville.
Mrs. S. D. Farrabee, Indianapolis.
Miss Ida Fitch, Lawrenceburg.
Mrs. Mary L. Atwood, Evansville.
Mrs. J. E. DeWolf, Michigan City.
Mrs. George Briggs, Elkhart.

These women were all well qualified by their many years experience in club work and other civic work to preside over the destinies of the future of the club movement in Indiana.

From the minutes of the Joint Committee on Consolidation we read that Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne, called the meeting to order promptly at twelve o'clock and upon motion of Mrs. Charles Dryer, Terre Haute, Mrs. E. E. Mummert of Goshen, president of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, was unanimously elected temporary chairman. Upon motion of Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie, the temporary secretary elected was Mrs. F. L. Saylor of Elwood. (These were later made permanent).

The body decided unanimously to extend an invitation to the Woman's Club League of Fort Wayne (the hostess) to be present at the meetings.

Mrs. Meredith, chairman of the Indiana Union Committee, stated that her committee had come uninstructed and Mrs. Mummert stated that the Indiana State Federation committee was instructed to retain their present name.

After luncheon, as guests of the Woman's Club League of Fort Wayne, the meeting reconvened at 1:30 in the court room with all members present. Mrs. Stewart of Muncie reported that the Indiana State Federation had given that committee definite instructions to vote for the name, Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs.

By unanimous consent it was ordered that the voting be done by roll call.

Mrs. Mummert, upon motion of Mrs. Meredith, appointed Mrs. Major of Shelbyville and Mrs. Stewart of Muncie to read in turn each article of the respective constitutions.

THE NAME

Article I of each constitution was then read and Mrs. Meredith moved that Article I of the constitution of the consolidated association should read: "The name of the Association shall be The Indiana State Federation of Clubs." The roll call vote resulted in a tie. Mrs. Farrabee of Indianapolis moved to amend the original motion by inserting the word "Women's" before the word "Clubs" and the amendment was lost. Then upon motion by Mrs. Meredith, which carried by a vote of 16 to 14, the chair appointed the following to serve on a committee to amend Article I of the constitution of the Indiana State Federation and submit the same in writing later in the session: Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Dryer from the Indiana Union and Mrs. Stewart and Miss Taylor from the Indiana State Federation.

Quoting from the minutes: "By unanimous consent, the vacancy caused by the sudden illness of Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne, was filled by Mrs. J. B. Harper, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stewart, chairman of the committee of four on amending Article I reported a tie vote—Mrs. Meredith and Mrs. Dryer voting for the name “Indiana State Federation of Clubs” and Mrs. Stewart and Miss Taylor voting for the name “Indiana State Federation of Women’s Clubs.”

A motion to adjourn to meet in one month was lost, as was also a motion to adjourn until further instructions could be received from the Indiana State Federation in annual session, which would have delayed the consolidation for another year.

FINAL SELECTION OF NAME

Upon motion to reconsider the vote on the name “Indiana State Federation of Clubs,” which was by ballot, 16 voted for the name and 1 against it.

Quoting from Mrs. Clarke’s article: “Miss McIlvaine then moved that the Indiana State Federation of Clubs adopt the Constitution of the Indiana State Federation of Women’s Clubs beginning with Article II, and this motion was carried by unanimous vote of the 20 remaining members of the joint committee of 30—Mrs. Stewart and the majority of her committee having withdrawn.” (See Mesdames Saylor and Mummert’s administrations).

ELECTION

Mrs. Meredith then moved that after a recess of ten minutes an election of officers be held. The following nominations were made and in each case the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the entire body for the respective officers:

President, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso, nominated by Mrs. Rohbock.

Vice President, Miss Katharine McIlvaine, Vincennes, nominated by Mrs. Meredith.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville, nominated by Mrs. Earl.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss H. V. Conlogue, Kendallville, nominated by Mrs. Curry.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne, nominated by Mrs. Meredith.

Auditor, Mrs. Thomas Bagot, Anderson, nominated by Mrs. Curry.

GFWC Secretary, Mrs. Emma Cobb, Aurora, nominated by Mrs. Barnett.

The six directors were—

Mrs. Ryall T. Miller, South Bend.

Mrs. Mary Atwood, Evansville.

Mrs. Charles Dryer, Terre Haute.

Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.
Mrs. J. F. Boland, Logansport.
Mrs. A. M. Robertson, Indianapolis.

In a letter to Mrs. Balz (7-20-1936), Mrs. Saylor, who was secretary of the consolidation meeting, writes: "In those early days women were justly proud of their ability to use parliamentary procedure effectively, consequently we 'moved' many times during that particular day and night. We reconsidered and rescinded, expurged, amended, committed, recommitted, and moved the previous question to our heart's content. This was extremely easy, except for the 'overly anxious' secretary, who had no experience whatever in shorthand reporting and very little in taking such complicated minutes. The result was that those minutes were so completely scrambled that it took 29 clear-headed women an entire session to unscramble them. It all seems quite amusing now, but those were humiliating hours for the serious-minded secretary. We adjourned around midnight and 30 very tired but very friendly women rejoiced that we had come to understand, respect and honor each other's views and in so doing had added a remarkable page to the history of the woman's club movement in Indiana."

One last action was taken when it was moved by Mrs. Ryall T. Miller, South Bend, that the executive committee fill the vacancies in the office of the congressional vice presidents.

Mrs. Clarke says: "The two former organizations were about equally represented among these officers, some of the latter being members of both. No better choice for president could have been made. Mrs. Kinsey's club, the Valparaiso Woman's Club, holding membership in both bodies and she herself being a member of the General Federation Board of Directors."

CONSOLIDATION EFFECTED

At the evening and last session of the joint committee Mrs. Barnett moved that a telegram be sent to Mrs. Kinsey, stating that consolidation was effected, and that she was unanimously elected president of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs. Mrs. Miller moved that certified copies of the minutes be sent to the officers of this organization and to every constituent club of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs. Motion carried.

So closed this most memorable of all meetings of Federated club women held in Indiana, the minutes of which were signed—

Mrs. Mummert, Chairman
Mrs. F. L. Saylor, Secretary.

(See close of Mrs. Mummert's administration for the result of the above action.)

THIRD PERIOD

1900 to 1906

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

We shall now endeavor to trace the six years existence of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs under the leadership of four presidents.

1900—Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie (Organizing President).

1901-1902—Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, South Bend.

1903-1904—Miss Minnetta Taylor, Greencastle.

1905-1906—Alice N. Mummert, Goshen (President in 1906 at the time of the consolidation with the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs).



Rose Budd Stewart

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

FIRST CONVENTION, SOUTH BEND, 1900

PRESIDENT

MRS. ROSE BUDD STEWART, MUNCIE

Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart was born in Muncie and has resided there during her entire lifetime. When a young woman she attended for four years the Adams and Forsythe Art School, which was located in Muncie. Mrs. Stewart taught in the public schools there for two

years prior to her marriage to Mr. Stewart in November, 1888, at the age of 22 years. She has been for many years interested in the work of women, as evidenced by her many affiliations in Muncie.

She served as president of the Woman's Club and was one of the founders of the Federate Club of Clubs of Muncie and Delaware County. She was the organizing president of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs and says in a letter to Mrs. Balz, dated May 11, 1937 (in Federation files): "I notice that several of the year books speak of my administration covering but eight months—from March to November, 1900. As a matter of fact, I began the work of organizing sometime about the first of November, 1899, and worked constantly at it (as chairman) till March 7, 1900, at which time we organized. At the organization meeting I was made president and continued the work constantly up to, and including the first convention held in South Bend, November 22, 1901."

Mrs. Stewart has served on the state boards of the Daughters of 1812 and the Daughters of American Colonists and is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is an active member of the Universalist Church where she taught a group of Chinese boys for several years.

Mrs. Stewart attended a called meeting (November 10, 1936 at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis) of all past presidents of the Indiana Federation in connection with this historical work and from the minutes of that meeting (year book 1937-1938) we find: "Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, first president of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, spoke of the progress made in club work since 1900. She commended the department chairmen, whom she had heard as they gave reports, and spoke of their ability to speak clearly with reassurance and poise. She spoke of the timidity of women in the early club days."

OLD MINUTE BOOK

From Mrs. Stewart, who loaned the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs minute book to the compilation committee, we are able to present the complete record of all actions taken regarding the forming of the organization. In speaking of the minute book, which is precious and very valuable, Mrs. Stewart writes: "It was months afterwards (after the General Federation decided that consolidation had been effected) when our club women placed the Record in my keeping. . . . Since no one had made any request for it nor shown any interest in it, our club women thought I would enjoy taking care of it. And so I have enjoyed it, through all these years."

THE BIRTH OF THE INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

From the Historical Edition of *The Indiana Club Woman*, we take the following, written by Mrs. Stewart: "In November, 1899, Mrs.

Rebecca Douglas Lowe, president of the General Federation, wrote to Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie, asking her to organize a State Federation of Women's Clubs in Indiana. Mrs. Stewart was, at this time, president of the women's clubs of Muncie and Delaware County, and she had invited Mrs. Lowe to address their county group at their semi-annual meeting. When Mrs. Lowe replied urging Mrs. Stewart to take up this strenuous work, she had thought it possible for her to organize the county group into a state federation. Mrs. Stewart, thinking this would give the organization far too local a character, in consenting to undertake the work, insisted that it should be done by state-wide representation.

"I wrote letters and letters, dozens of letters, trying to ascertain the sentiment, feeling the 'pulse' of Indiana's Clubdom. Most of the clubs were very friendly to the proposition, but a little later, these same friendly clubs began to grow 'doubtful' and to 'question' as to the 'advisability of another organization,' and as I proceeded with the work I found the opposition growing stronger and more determined to check the movement 'in embryo.' The president of the General Federation, Mrs. Lowe, under whose direction I worked, advised me to organize at once, with whatever clubs should respond to the 'call,' fearing that if we waited longer, the whole effort might be 'queered' by the opposition. Acting upon her advice, I sent out the 'call' to the several clubs that had signified their intention of forming a State Federation."

In the January-February, 1936 Club Woman, Mrs. Stewart has written, for the past president's historical articles, somewhat more fully of that organization meeting. "In the beginning, the GFWC was made up of individual clubs. Then, 'State Federations' began to appear. States represented by both a 'State Federation' and by individual clubs enjoyed unusual advantages at 'Biennials.'

"The General Federation sought a uniform organization made up of State Federations only. Under this plan states not represented by a State Federation would have no votes at the Biennial sessions. All states were urged to federate.

"Indiana clubs were very slow to act.

"In 1897 the Indianapolis Woman's Club sent out a call to the clubs in the state to meet in Indianapolis and form a State Federation. Opposition arose. The call was withdrawn.

"Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Federation Secretary, and Mrs. Henry D. Pierce, President, Indianapolis Woman's Club, asked me to secure the cooperation of the Muncie Woman's Club to entertain this meeting. The Muncie Woman's Club felt unequal to the task.

"Early in November, 1899, Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, President of the GFWC, asked me to undertake the organization of the State Federation in Indiana. I consented. A great deal of correspondence was necessary to discover what clubs were friendly to the State Federation

movement. I wrote to each and every club that was reported to me 'as interested.' This correspondence extended over a period of several months. As I recall it now, it seems to me that I wrote hundreds of letters. It was an 'Herculean task.'

"Occasional railroad journeys were made to other towns to explain 'Why a State Federation?' to some doubtful club. This embryonic organization had no treasury. The few women who worked out the details of organization, also financed the project."

From the minutes of March 7, 1900, Indianapolis, Indiana, we take the following excerpts:

"In response to a call issued by Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart of the Woman's Club of Muncie, there assembled at the above named place on the above named date, representatives of women's clubs in the State of Indiana. The club representatives making up this State Committee represented clubs in the North, South, East and West and central parts of the State, making the body a representative one.

"There were present Mrs. Claire A. Walker, Indianapolis Woman's Club and German Literary Club, Indianapolis; Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, The Progress Club, South Bend; Mrs. Alice M. Lewis, Ladies' Literary Club, Auburn; Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Woman's Club, Muncie." The group elected Mrs. Walker temporary chairman and Mrs. Stewart as temporary secretary. (In the Official Directory and Year Book, 1904-1905, Women's Clubs of Indiana, we find: "... Mrs. Claire A. Walker, Indianapolis, was present and assisted in the work of the organization. Mrs. Walker was subsequently made an honorary member.")

"Mrs. Stewart stated that she had been authorized by Mrs. Lowe, president of the GFWC, to call a meeting of the members constituting our State Committee, club representatives, representing clubs that had endorsed this movement for a State Federation, and further that if as many as three representatives were present, representing clubs that endorsed this movement for State Federation and voted to federate, then the president of the GFWC authorized the formation of a State Federation. The president of the GFWC stated that she would be very glad to receive an application for membership in the General Federation from a Federation of Women's Clubs in Indiana.

"Mrs. Stewart further stated that this State Committee had been formed to issue a call for a convention in case a convention, or organization meeting could be held and perform the preliminary work necessary for an organization meeting, such as drafting a constitution, outlining a plan of work, etc.

"An energetic effort had been made to hold this meeting in Muncie, but on account of serious and unexpected opposition it was not deemed wise to hold the meeting in Muncie. Until a very short time previous to this meeting it had been the intention to hold a mass Convention for organization. It was discovered that there was serious opposition to

the movement in several localities, with intent, it seemed, to frustrate the movement for a State Federation. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Stewart, both having charge of the matter, consulted over the situation and it had seemed advisable to each to call together the representatives of clubs that had already endorsed the movement and if these representatives upon meeting and hearing the condition of affairs so decided, to proceed to effect a business organization and abandon the plan for holding a mass convention this Spring. The members of this State Committee had previously presented this matter of State Federation to their clubs and secured their clubs' endorsement and were therefore prepared to act."

THE CALL

The following is a copy of the "Call" for the organization meeting which was sent to Mrs. F. D. Ader of the Century Club, Greencastle; Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson, Monday Club, Kokomo; Mrs. Alice M. Lewis of the Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn, and Mrs. Mary Attwood of the Ladies' Literary Club of Evansville. Mrs. Smith shared the responsibility of the movement and so was not sent a "call."

"A meeting is called of the members of the State Committee on State Federation of Women's Clubs for Wednesday, March 7, 1900, in Indianapolis. The meeting will be held at Hotel English.

"At this meeting the Committee will draft the Constitution and By-Laws, prepare a plan of work and other important matters.

"Some members of the Committee, those having the movement in charge, think it advisable to abandon the plan of holding a convention for organization. If the members who meet so decide that it is not advisable to hold a convention, then all the business that would be done at a convention will be done at this meeting. It is very essential therefore that all members be present.

(Signed) Rose Budd Stewart."

An invitation was also sent to the representative of the Indiana Sorosis of Huntington and a verbal invitation had been given to Mrs. Annie S. Miller of the Woman's Economic Club of South Bend, but evidently neither was in attendance at this first meeting.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN GFWC

The new organization then made application for membership in the General Federation. "The application for membership was filled out and presented to Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hitt, State Chairman of Correspondence, for her signature. She signed it willingly. Mrs. Hitt had met with the committee the day previous and assisted in drafting

the Constitution and By-Laws and had heard them read twice. The requirements concerning application in the General Federation of Women's Clubs were therefore complied with."

A message was sent to Mrs. Lowe notifying her of the action taken here in Indiana and Mrs. Lowe immediately wired us her congratulations, and added: "You have accomplished the biggest bit of work that has been done lately in the General Federation."

GFWC BIENNIAL IN MILWAUKEE

In just three months the General Federation was holding its Biennial in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (June 4 to 9, 1900) and this Indiana group so new in the affairs of the Federation, at its second session on March 8, 1900, chose delegates to represent it at this meeting. The delegates were Mrs. Jane McM. Smith and Mrs. Annie S. Miller, South Bend; Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson, Kokomo; Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart of Muncie, and Mrs. Mary Attwood of Evansville.

FIRST CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

SOUTH BEND, 1900

OFFICERS

The constitution and by-laws were formed and adopted, and the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie.

First Vice President, Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, South Bend.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Alice M. Lewis, Auburn.

Third Vice President, Mrs. F. D. Ader, Greencastle.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Chas. Stouder, Muncie.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, South Bend.

Treasurer, Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn.

Directors

Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson, Kokomo.

Mrs. Annie S. Miller, South Bend.

Mrs. Mary Attwood, Evansville.

Mrs. Slack, Huntington.

Miss Mary E. Cardwill, New Albany.

Mrs. Stewart says: "... our charter was received on March 13, 1900 and we began ardently to increase our membership, succeeding remarkably, so that by the June Biennial we had nine clubs, and by the date of the First Convention held in South Bend, November 15 and 16, 1900, we numbered 20 clubs."

CHARTER MEMBER CLUBS

We take from the minutes the roll of clubs belonging to the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs at the first annual meeting:

Auburn, Ladies' Literary Club, Mrs. Alzine R. Scott and Mrs. Maude T. Robbins.

Auburn, Culture Club, Mrs. M. E. Griswold and Mrs. C. C. Shaffer.

Elkhart, Twentieth Century, Miss G. Reynolds and Mrs. Turner.

Elkhart, Current Club, Mrs. H. S. Carper and Mrs. E. A. Benham.

Goshen, Beacon Lights, Mrs. Mary H. Roach and Mrs. Alice N. Mummert.

Greencastle, Century Club, Mrs. S. A. Hays and Miss Minnetta T. Taylor.

Greencastle, Over The Tea-cups Club (No delegate).

Kokomo, Monday Club, Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson.

Lawrenceburg, Review Club (No delegate).

LaGrange, Woman's Club, Mrs. Hortense Bryan and Mrs. E. E. Neal.

Logansport, Mental Culture Club (No delegate).

Muncie, Woman's Club, Mrs. M. Louise Cassidy and Mrs. William Cassidy.

Muncie, Tourist's Club, Miss Ethel Brady.

Muncie, Monday Afternoon Club, Mrs. E. L. Thompson.

New Albany, Ephemeron Club (No delegate).

Saint Joe Ladies' Literary Club, Mrs. Ada C. Olds and Miss Laura S. Shutt.

South Bend, Thursday Club, Mrs. Emma Fink and Mrs. Annie C. Doty.

South Bend, Woman's Economic Club, Mrs. Ella Geyer and Mrs. Susan Coleman.

South Bend, The Progress Club, Mrs. Martha C. Rich and Mrs. Myrtle H. Petty.

Valparaiso, Harriet Beecher Stowe Club, Mrs. M. L. Agnew and Mrs. C. H. Wood.

The alternates, as reported by Mrs. Susan Coleman, Logansport, Chairman of Credentials Committee, were: Mrs. Sylvia Bradbrook and Mrs. Nellie Doane from the Women's Economic Club of South Bend; Mrs. Frank Ward and Mrs. Emma Hunt of the Thursday Club, South Bend; Mrs. Ida V. Emanuel and Mrs. Mabel Hodge of the Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn. Mrs. Coleman also reported visitors registered from the following towns in Indiana: Auburn, Elkhart, Goshen, LaGrange, Michigan City, Ridgeville, Richmond, Indianapolis, Union City, Valparaiso, and from Charlotte, Michigan, and Chicago, Illinois.

"BABY FEDERATION"

In speaking of the Biennial of the GFWC held in Milwaukee, Mrs. Stewart says, "It (The Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs) attracted considerable attention at the Biennial, not only because it was the 'Baby Federation,' but because of the unusual publicity given it."

While attending the Biennial, Mrs. Stewart called a meeting at the Alhambra Theatre on the evening of June 7. Those in attendance were Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Virginia Sharpe Patterson of Muncie, Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes and Mrs. Alice M. Lewis of Auburn, Mrs. Mary P. LeVan, Mrs. Gertrude H. Myers, Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, Mrs. Elizabeth Kettring and Mrs. Annie S. Miller of South Bend.

It was at this meeting that they decided to accept the invitation of The Progress Club and the Woman's Economic Club of South Bend to hold the first annual meeting in South Bend, and chose the last week of October. (On account of an epidemic of diphtheria the date was changed to November 15 and 16.) Two committees were appointed, as follows: Program, Mrs. Stewart, chairman, with Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kettring, of South Bend; Mrs. Lewis, of Auburn, and later the President added the names of Mrs. M. Louise Cassidy, of Muncie. The Badge Committee was composed of Mrs. Myers, of South Bend, and Mrs. Patterson, of Muncie.

"OLD ROSE"

It was at this meeting, also, that "old rose" was adopted as the State color, which was done, no doubt, with the thought in mind of honoring the first president of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart.

"By unanimous vote the Indiana member of the Biennial Nominating Committee, Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, of Fort Wayne, was instructed that the choice of the Indiana Federation delegates, representing one-half of the Indiana delegation, was: For President, Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe; for Director, Mrs. Mary Stull Studebaker, and asking further, that as Mrs. Woodworth represented us on the nominating board, it was our desire that she vote for our candidates."

Quoting again from Mrs. Stewart's article in the January-February (1936) Club Woman Magazine: "This first convention was a wonderful success! Not only were the clubs well represented, but many visitors were present. The Convention body, consisting of officers, delegates, alternates, speakers, and visiting club women, numbered eighty-four. This did not include the South Bend visitors. The large convention hall was filled. The press was most courteous in its reports."

Mrs. Belle M. Perry, President of the State Federation of Michigan, was present and extended greetings, as Mrs. Stewart says:

“. . . from 10,000 Michigan club women. Two Chicago clubs sent visitors. Nearly all the clubs in northern Indiana were represented.” Letters were read from Mrs. Rebecca Douglas Lowe, Mrs. Minnie Murdock Kendrick, Philadelphia, Corresponding Secretary of GFWC; Mrs. C. C. Fairbanks, Director, and Mrs. Henry D. Pierce. Letters had been received from Miss Helen M. Winslow, Editor of the Federation News; Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke and Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis; also from a number of presidents of State Federations.

“Convention business followed the usual line of that day—a ‘Bureau of Reciprocity’ and a Department of ‘Philanthropy’ were established. Also a Department of ‘Education.’ Cooperation between clubs and Educational Associations was stressed.

The State Federation of Minnesota asked us to endorse their efforts to secure ‘Forestry Legislation,’ and a letter from the League asked us for our efforts towards the preservation of the Palisades.”

Among the speakers on the program during the two-day sessions, were: Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle; Mrs. Myers; Mrs. Mary Ehlers, Auburn; Mrs. Miller, South Bend; Mrs. Roach, Goshen; Mrs. Griswold, Auburn; Mrs. Alla Adams Moore, University of Chicago. A Symposium was conducted on “A Few Thoughts on Organization: The Opportunities of the Federation.” The discussion was led by Mrs. Claire Walker, Indianapolis, the “God-Mother” of the Indiana Federation. (The last session of this first convention made Mrs. Walker a Member-At-Large of the State Federation). Those taking part in this symposium were: Mrs. Virginia S. Patterson, Kokomo; Mrs. S. A. Hays, Century Club, Greencastle; Mrs. Mary P. LeVan, Progress Club, South Bend; Mrs. Martha Wentworth Hopper, Richmond; Mrs. E. S. L. Thompson, Muncie; Mrs. Laura Matthews.

AUBURN FOR SECOND CONVENTION

Of the two invitations extended for the next convention—Auburn and Valparaiso—Auburn was chosen by the Time and Place Committee, “. . . opening on Wednesday evening of the second week and closing on Friday at noon.” (1901).

HONORARY PRESIDENT

In the election of officers Mrs. Stewart was nominated for president, but declined the honor, and in a letter to Mrs. Courtney in 1936, says, “I refused re-election because Mr. Stewart, and my own family, thought I needed a rest. The work had extended over a year, and it was rather a difficult year.” Mrs. Stewart, upon motion of Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, was then elected Honorary President.

“The Convention was most appreciative of the efforts of its President. Several times during the session, says Mrs. Stewart, ‘votes of thanks’ were extended me for something done which they considered of value.

"Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, President of the Progress Club, (in the club's report we read, 'The Club numbers 135 and is, I believe, the largest club composed of women in the State of Indiana) that had entertained the Convention so royally, and who was my co-worker throughout the year, was elected as the second President of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs."

The Convention closed with a complimentary dinner at the Oliver Hotel. This was followed by a reception given by the Progress Club at the home of Mrs. George Fort in Washington Street. During the evening Madame Sofja Lvovna Friedland, of Moscow, gave a lecture on "The Historical Development of the Russian Woman." The following morning the visitors were taken on a drive over South Bend and to the University of Notre Dame.

Mrs. Stewart, when asked by Mrs. Balz in 1936, what was the greatest achievement of her administration as President of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, replied, "Founding it," and surely it took courage and faith for those few women to form an organization which was evidently, and had been for many years, a subject for so much discussion both for and against. Great credit, we believe, should go to Mrs. Stewart and the women working with her who formed the first contact for Indiana women with the General Federation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Indiana Union and General Federation

Because this is the history of the Woman's Club movement in Indiana, we now present more information concerning the organizing of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke gives us a vivid picture of the formation of the Indiana State Federation through her membership in the Indianapolis Woman's Club, which played such an important part in the organization of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs.

"The Indianapolis Woman's Club was a charter member of both the General Federation and the Indiana Union, paying traveling expenses of delegates to conventions of both organizations. Among the members of the Woman's Club were a few far-seeing individuals who early recognized the growing importance of State Federations affiliated with the national body. They sympathized with and approved in a general way the ideal of men and women mingling in club life, and zealously tried to evolve some plan by which the Indiana Union might be admitted to the General Federation. Prominent among these were Mrs. George C. Hitt (Elizabeth Barnett Hitt), and Mrs. Henry D. Pierce (Elizabeth Vinton Pierce). The latter had been a college friend of Mrs. Phillip N. Moore at Vassar, and they had not lost sight of one another.

"At the Louisville Biennial of 1896 Mrs. Moore was serving her second term as Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation, and Mrs. Pierce was a delegate from the Indianapolis Woman's Club. There the importance of a State Federation auxiliary to the General Federation was more apparent than before, and Mrs. Pierce came home to think seriously about it.

"She had lately been elected President of the Indianapolis Woman's Club for the year 1896-97. There was a meeting of the Council of the General Federation in February, 1897, and Mrs. Pierce was placed on the Ways and Means Committee, of which Mrs. Moore was chairman, a committee of three, whose report resulted in placing the dues of all clubs at ten cents per capita and a considerably increased income for the national body.

"In May following that Council meeting, Mrs. Pierce had as her guests the two secretaries of the General Federation, Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, St. Louis, and Mrs. C. P. Barnes, Louisville, in whose honor she gave a luncheon and tea, entertaining at the luncheon ten or twelve outstanding club women, and at the tea the members of the Indianapolis Woman's Club and the presidents of other Indianapolis Clubs. . . . I was then State Chairman of Correspondence and I recall that there was a great deal of talk about the Union and the possibility of its becoming affiliated with the national body. It was suggested that the Union might join the latter provided only women delegates were sent to Biennial and Council meetings. One was conscious, however, of a sentiment held by many that the Union was quite satisfied with the status quo.

"The Indiana Union meant much more to its women members than to the men. To the few men who attended the annual conventions it was a pleasant side issue. To the women delegates it was, perhaps, next to their homes, the most important business in life. Those conventions were exceedingly interesting, subjects of vital importance covering a steadily widening field being presented by able leaders. More and more closely it approached the pattern of the State Federations, which in 1897 numbered thirty. Indiana women who attended Biennial conventions of the General Federation felt increasingly their awkward position. They represented individual clubs, to be sure, and their presidents sat in Council meetings; but the State Chairman of Correspondence was the only link between the State as a whole and the national organization, and her position seemed an anomalous one. In conversation with leaders from other States she found it difficult to explain why the Indiana Union did not manage, in some way, to become affiliated with the General Federation, nor why, if this could not be accomplished, a State Federation was not organized.

A RECOMMENDATION

"Bearing in mind Mrs. Pierce's intelligent interest in the General Federation, her familiarity with the prevailing sentiment that the Union was determined to retain its men members and its independence, and her conviction that the Federated Club movement was a steadily growing force for intellectual and social betterment, it is easy to understand the seriousness with which, at the conclusion of her annual report as President of the Indianapolis Woman's Club in June, 1897, she offered the following recommendation:

"I recommend that the Indianapolis Woman's Club take the initiative in forming a State Federation of Clubs, in harmony with the General Federation of Women's Clubs and necessarily affiliated with that body. As a part of my recommendation I desire that the club shall advance money from its treasury to met the absolutely necessary expenses of the undertaking, it being understood that the club shall be reimbursed from the first funds coming in from the State Federation, except such portion as shall seem a fair and reasonable contribution from the club. I further recommend that for the more successful advancement of the undertaking the co-operation be asked of the State Chairman of Correspondence for Indiana, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke."

The recommendation was at once adopted and Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Clarke, and three other members of the club were chosen to take charge of the project, the three others being Mrs. George C. Hitt, the incoming President of the Club, Miss Harriet Noble and Mrs. Morris Ross—the same Mrs. Ross who had served as toast-mistress at the Woman's Club reception to the other Indiana Clubs in 1889.

"The State Chairman of Correspondence, under Mrs. Pierce's direction, devoted the summer to communicating with Indiana club officials, a stenographer assisting with the work at times. Clubs outside of the Union, so far as we could hear of them, were addressed, as well as those in the Union. Some of the latter were receptive, but questioning, while clubs not in the Union were almost without exception sympathetic. My impression is that we had on our list between 25 and 30 clubs willing to enter a State Federation. Among these were the Muncie Woman's Club, one of the oldest in the State, that had been represented at the Indianapolis Woman's Club reception in 1889 and also at the Richmond Convention the following year when the Indiana Union was launched, and the Progress Club of South Bend, a newer organization composed of wide-awake and enterprising women.

"Mrs. Pierce, as chairman of the committee (Mrs. Clarke was its secretary) reported at a special meeting of the Indianapolis

Woman's Club in November, giving a summary of work done since the June meeting and offering eight recommendations concerning future activities, together with a tentative program for the proposed organization convention to be held in January. Instead of adopting this report, as had been confidently expected, the club, after prolonged discussion in which it was evident that a sentimental regard for the Indiana Union and a vague feeling that the Union might somehow yet become affiliated with the General Federation, voted to 'proceed no farther with the State Federation plans.'

"... So the summer's work of the committee went for naught and its secretary was instructed to inform the clubs that had signified their willingness to co-operate in forming a State Federation that the Indianapolis Woman's Club had dropped the matter for the present. This was a most unpleasant task and no doubt occasioned keen disappointment in various localities where clubs had looked forward confidently to Indiana's being the thirty-first state to enter the General Federation. This feeling was especially strong in Muncie and South Bend and was destined to result in action two years later.

"The Indianapolis Woman's Club made a serious mistake in abandoning the project on which it had started out and that would have resulted triumphantly. It was the oldest club in the State, with two exceptions, The Ladies' Literary Club of Evansville (no longer in existence), and the Woman's Club of Greencastle, both of which had been organized one year earlier. It had figured prominently and with distinction in the General Federation ever since the Sorosis birthday party. It had taken the lead in organizing the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs. The hour had struck for it to assume leadership in another important venture which would not only have brought to it fresh laurels but would have forestalled some unpleasant and regrettable incidents in the club life of our state."

Continuing to quote from Mrs. Clarke's article, we read: "At a meeting of the Indianapolis Woman's Club on March 2, 1900, the Secretary of the club read a letter from Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart of Muncie, asking if the Indianapolis Woman's Club favored the organization of a State Federation if one should be organized. After some discussion a motion was carried that action on this important question be deferred until the next meeting and that members of the club be informed that such action would then be taken.

"... Three years later, on April 17, 1903, Mrs. A. P. Spruance moved, seconded by Mrs. Henry D. Pierce, that the Indianapolis Woman's Club apply for membership in the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, and after some discussion that motion prevailed. Miss Minnetta Taylor was then president of the organization. The Woman's Club, of course, retained its membership in the Indiana Union and in the General Federation."



Jane McM. Smith

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

SECOND CONVENTION, AUBURN, 1901

THIRD CONVENTION, GREENCASTLE, 1902

PRESIDENT

MRS. JANE McM. SMITH, SOUTH BEND

"In 1893," writes Mrs. Smith for the historical articles by Past Presidents contributed to *Club Woman*, 1936, "which was the World's Fair Year in Chicago, I came to South Bend to reside. Mr. Smith had acquired the South Bend Street Railway, which at that time was a 'horse and mule' line. This line later became the Interurban Electric Line between various points.

"Just four years later, in 1897, the Progress Club of South Bend, was organized. I became interested in its activities and was elected

president in 1899, at which time it was the only department club in the state. (With a membership of 135).

"My activities were not confined to club work alone. At this time I was president of the Orphan's Home of South Bend and Mishawaka and during the five years I served as president, the building was erected which now stands as one of the best in Indiana."

Mrs. Smith was at this time (1900) closely associated with Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart in the formation plans for the Indiana State Federation, and it was through their untiring efforts that this new organization came into being that year.

Soon after 1906 (the year the two organizations merged) Mrs. Smith returned to Chicago to reside, and she says: "At that time severe illness prevented further activities in any of this kind of work, so that these past 36 years have caused me to forget many things pertaining to the years following my administration in the Federation."

Mrs. Smith passed away April 21, 1938, at the age of 83, in South Bend where she had resided for so many years.

SECOND CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

AUBURN, 1901

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie.

President, Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, South Bend.

First Vice President, Mrs. Alice Lewis, Auburn.

Second Vice President, Miss Minnetta Taylor, Greencastle.

Third Vice President, Mrs. Hortense Bryan, LaGrange.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Wood, Valparaiso.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, South Bend.

Treasurer, Mrs. Alicia Barnes, Auburn.

Directors

Mrs. Virginia Sharp Patterson, Kokomo.

Mrs. Susan H. Coleman, Logansport.

Miss Mary E. Cardwill, New Albany.

Miss Emma Belle Goodwin, Muncie.

Mrs. Mary Stull Studebaker, South Bend.

Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Goshen.

Mrs. C. C. Shaffer, Auburn.

Federation Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Nelson, Greencastle.

Mrs. Jane McM. Smith was the presiding officer for the second annual meeting of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs,

held in Auburn at the Methodist Church, October 23, 24 and 25, 1901, with the Ladies' Literary Club and the Culture Club as hostesses.

We find in the reports that 24 clubs were represented, with 37 on the roster. Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported 58 in attendance, including officers, delegates registered and alternates. It was decided that "Art in the School Room" be made the concern of the club women for the following year.

Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. A. M. Bryan, LaGrange, Chairman of Resolutions; Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie, Chairman of Organization; Mrs. Sybil Tucker, Logansport, Chairman of the Time and Place Committee; Mrs. P. D. West, Auburn, Chairman of State Delegates to the Los Angeles Biennial.

Greetings were received from Mrs. Rebecca D. Lowe, President of the General Federation; from the Woman's Club of Winchester, and from Mrs. Robert Burdette, President of the California State Federation.

We note the speakers on this program for the second annual meeting to be: Mrs. Martha Noble Carter, Muncie; Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle; Mrs. C. B. Jones, Garrett; Mr. O'Day, South Bend. Miss Marthine Dietrichson, Greencastle, presented "Music and Glimpses of Norwegian Life," taking the place of Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, of Chicago. (Mrs. Henrotin had just completed a most exacting piece of work as Vice President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the World's Fair and was, in 1894, elected to the presidency of the General Federation). Others on the program were Mrs. May Donnelly Kelso, Chicago, and the late Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, who gave an address on "Tolstoi." Mrs. Smith says, "... her presence was one of the outstanding events of my administration."

In a letter to Mrs. Smith from Mrs. Stewart, Dec. 7, 1926, we quote, "My only copy of the first year book was found a few days ago." It is unfortunate that this first year book is not among the Federation files, although the minutes cover the conventions quite completely, aside from the addresses which were, no doubt, printed in full in the year books.

STATE FEDERATION PIN

Mrs. Annie S. Miller South Bend, chairman of the Badge Committee, reported that a design for a State pin had been made and donated by a South Bend artist, Mr. L. Clarence Ball. "The design is a four-leaved clover in old rose enamel with the letters I. F. W. C., on the face. The committee recommends that the convention endorse the action taken at the Milwaukee Biennial (see Mrs. Stewart's administration) in selecting old rose as the State color; also that the Federation adopt as its motto the word, 'Progress.'"

It was also decided to accept the invitation made by Ohio to unite

in a tri-state convention. Whether this was done or not, the minutes do not show.

Mrs. Stewart led in the discussion on the subject, "Club Ethics," which was in the form of a "question box."

When the election of officers was in order, we read, "In a ringing speech Mrs. Carter, of Muncie, nominated Mrs. Jane McM. Smith for re-election to the office of President," which was done.

The Committee on Time and Place recommended that the next annual meeting be held in Greencastle in October, 1902.

At the close of the second annual meeting a reception was given by the hostess clubs in the new home of Dr. and Mrs. I. O. Buchtel.

THIRD CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

GREENCASTLE, 1902

OFFICERS

Honorary President, Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie.

President, Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, South Bend.

First Vice President, Mrs. W. S. Joslyn, Greencastle.

Second Vice President, Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle.

Third Vice President, Mrs. Alicia Barnes, Auburn.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Adele M. Bryan, LaGrange.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, South Bend.

Treasurer, Mrs. Julia Jamieson, Kendallville.

Directors

Mrs. Virginia S. Patterson, Kokomo.

Mrs. M. A. Bosworth, Vincennes.

Miss Mary E. Cardwill, New Albany.

Miss Emma Belle Goodwin, Muncie.

Mrs. Mary Stull Studebaker, South Bend.

Mrs. Alice M. Mummert, Goshen.

Mrs. C. C. Shaffer, Auburn.

Federation Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Kettring, South Bend.

The third convention was held in the Christian Church, Greencastle, October 16 and 17, 1902, preceded by a Board meeting on the 15th. On the same evening a large reception was held at the historic home of Mrs. John Clark Ridpath (a member of the Woman's Club of Greencastle, the oldest club in the Federation today), and as the minutes say, "Here the guests in the city became acquainted with the unbounded hospitality of the Greencastle ladies."

At the opening session Mayor John James gave the welcome from

the city, and Dr. Gobin, President of DePauw University, and Miss Minnetta Taylor for the clubs of Greencastle, with Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart responding.

Mrs. Smith, in her address, urged the clubs to, "Do, and not dream," and a plea was made for the Federation to turn its attention to philanthropic legislation.

The following, from the Historical Edition of the Club Woman, is in part the report which Mrs. Smith gave at the convention: "The State Federation departments embrace Education, Philanthropy, Reciprocity, Art in School Room, and Legislation, and are conducted by energetic, efficient and enthusiastic women.

"The specific object the Federation is working to accomplish is the introduction of manual training in the Indiana Public School system and to secure a new law authorizing and providing special funds for the purpose in the smaller communities.

"Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Lafayette have Manual Training Schools, and much interest in different parts of the State has been aroused. South Bend and Goshen have secured sites for the erection of a manual training building in connection with their High School system.

"The policy of the Federation will be to work for the needs of the State and to the best interests of the General Federation, and as a loyal member we ask for its sympathy and best wishes in our good work."

An honored guest was Mrs. Dimies T. S. Dennison, of New York, newly elected President of the General Federation. The subject of her address was, "What Good Is Accomplished by Federation Women?" Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, President of the Indiana Union in 1902, was presented and spoke briefly.

Other speakers on the program included Mrs. Claire Walker, Indianapolis; Mrs. John Miller, Greencastle; Mrs. Dennison, who again addressed the assembly on "Women's Clubs as Social Factors;" Dr. J. B. LeMotte, Greencastle; Mrs. W. O. Vallette, Goshen; Mr. Amos Butler, Secretary of the Indiana Board of Charities; Mrs. O'Hair, of Greencastle.

Mrs. Smith, President, as a member of the Credentials Committee of the General Federation, was on the program for a report at the Biennial in Los Angeles.

An art exhibit was held at the home of Mrs. N. S. Joslyn, and the convention adjourned in order that all might attend. There was a recital held in Meharry Hall of DePauw University, and "Literary and Musical Interpretation of Midsummer Night's Dream," by the ladies of Greencastle, was most enjoyable.

From the Business Session we note that the convention approved a recommendation from the Board of Directors that the suggestion in the opening address of the President, which received a rising vote of

appreciation from the audience, be adopted, "That the common subject for the study and discussion in clubs for the coming year be philanthropy and philanthropic legislation."

HONORARY PRESIDENT

Mrs. Stewart moved, "That Mrs. Jane McM. Smith be made Honorary President," which motion was carried.

Twenty-six clubs were represented, with 38 delegates present and 46 entitled to vote. The enumeration was taken in order that the election of officers could be taken care of, with the result that Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle, was elected from the nominees, which consisted of Miss Taylor, Mrs. N. S. Joslyn, Greencastle, and Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, of Goshen. "Mrs. Mummert asked to be released."

Two invitations were extended for the next annual meeting—Muncie and Logansport, with the latter being selected. A motion was then made that the Recording Secretary be from Logansport. This was done, and Mrs. J. T. McNary was elected unanimously.

In the March-April 1936 issue of the Indiana Club Woman Magazine, Mrs. Smith closes an article with the following: "The one outstanding thing was, naturally, the enlarging of our membership. The beginning of most undertakings is aptly described by Edward Everett Hale and quoted by Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, then President, in her message to the convention of 1933.

"Coming together is beginning,
Keeping together is progress,
Working together is success."



Miss Minnetta Theodora Taylor

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

FOURTH CONVENTION, LOGANSPORT, 1903

FIFTH CONVENTION, ELKHART, 1904

PRESIDENT

MISS MINNETTA T. TAYLOR, GREENCASTLE

Miss Minnetta Taylor was born March 2, 1860, at Princeton, Missouri. She obtained her A. B. and A. M. Degrees from DePauw University, graduating with the class of 1880. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

"Miss Taylor was a noted linguist, a writer of Encyclopedic articles, and something of a poet," writes Miss Elizabeth Ames, of Greencastle. "She was a member of The Woman's Club of Greencastle . . ., and was a very forceful speaker. She also assisted in founding the Century Club (Greencastle), which was the second to be founded here."

Mrs. Silas A. Hays, Greencastle (Year Book, 1911-12), wrote in memory of Miss Taylor, in part as follows: "As a club woman she was generous, faithful and sincere . . . always true to her convictions and faithful to every duty. Much of her time was spent in writing to try to uplift the oppressed and downtrodden. She took an active part in temperance work and was for many years president of the local organization.

"When the Woman Suffrage party, passing on the merits of the poems submitted in a \$100 prize contest for a national suffrage anthem decided on the winning poem, the sealed envelope was opened and the judges found the writer to be Miss Taylor. She never was apprised of the fact, as she passed away before the letter reached her announcing her success. When Miss Taylor sent her poem to the committee, she sent a note saying: 'I would be content to pass on Beyond, if I could carry with me the knowledge that I had written an accepted anthem for the great cause which has always been so dear to me. All my life I have wanted to write an anthem for suffrage and I believe that the poem which I now send has been written on the heights.'

"Miss Taylor was at one time associate professor of French at DePauw. She published a volume of poems besides many works of languages. She was the organizer of the Association of Western Writers."

A very close friend of Miss Taylor's, Mrs. Frank Donner of Greencastle, writes: "I knew her from the time I was nine years old. I always loved her and was never in awe of her, probably because I was too young to realize how brilliant she was. When I grew up I had the honor to belong to two of her clubs. I remember when she was elected president. . . . I attended one of her conventions and remember it vividly, because it was my first State Convention as a delegate. Miss Taylor was a really remarkable woman."

Miss Taylor passed away July 26, 1911 at Greencastle, Indiana.

FOURTH CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

LOGANSPORT, 1903

OFFICERS

President, Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle.

First Vice President, Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Goshen.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.

Third Vice President, Mrs. Lyons, Bloomington.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. T. McNary, Logansport.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. L. Anderson, Greencastle.

Treasurer, Mrs. Julia Jamieson, Kendallville.

Directors

Mrs. M. V. Beiger, Mishawaka.
Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn.
Mrs. Selma A. Tracy, Hartford City.
Mrs. Virginia Sharp Patterson, Kokomo.
Mrs. Sybil Tucker, Logansport.
Mrs. Beck, Bloomington.
Mrs. M. A. Bosworth, Vincennes.

The Fourth Convention was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Logansport, October 15 and 16, 1903.

At the Board meeting which preceded the sessions, the President, Miss Taylor, offered four recommendations which were presented to the Convention for action. a—"A Forestry Law, which would provide for the renewal of forests, as well as limit the destruction of trees. b—Continue working for the law providing Manual Training in the Schools. c—That the penalty for crimes against women, which is now from 2 to 14 years, be raised to life imprisonment. d—That the law providing for the separate maintenance of epileptics in a cheaper and better manner, should be passed." Miss Taylor also recommended dividing the state into three districts, north, middle and south, each under the supervision of a Vice President, who would thus be enabled to keep the clubs informed of work done in Federation.

At the formal opening Mayor S. A. Vaughn welcomed the club members to the city, and Mrs. H. A. Brown extended greetings from the clubs of Logansport, after which Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart gave the response.

Miss Taylor gave her address, which was a review of the work of the Federation for the past year, with suggestions for the future, stressing philanthropic activities of the organization.

Mrs. Alice N. Mummert of Goshen, Legislative Chairman, reported on the two measures the Federation had been instrumental in bringing before the Legislature during the session of 1902-3: Manual Training in the Public Schools and separation of the Girls' Industrial School and Women's Prison. The minutes read, "The Committee is under especial obligation to the Chairman, Mrs. Mummert, who was present the entire session and labored earnestly, successfully, and in a dignified, womanly manner for the cause of right."

Among the speakers were Miss Julia C. Lathrop, of Chicago, a member of the General Federation Committee on Civil Service Reform, who explained the desire of the Federation to "... better Civil Service and to control the selection of political heads, making the standard moral rather than political." Miss Merica Hoagland explained the purpose of the Indiana Library Commission, which brought forth a resolution: "Whereas, the members of the I. F. W. C. are interested in the advancement of the literary interests of the state;

therefore, be it resolved that the Education Committee of this Federation shall appoint in each library district designated by the Public Library Commission, one library secretary, who shall cooperate with the Commission in advancing the cause of library extension in Indiana."

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette of California, First Vice President of the General Federation, was a guest and spoke on "Unity and Diversity of Club Life," and "Relation of State to General Federation."

W. M. R. French, Director of the Chicago Art Institute, opened the art exhibit with an address, "The Analogies Between Literature and Art." In the exhibit was a group of water colors from the work of two noted Indiana water colorists—R. B. Grull and C. V. Strauss, and a china display by Mrs. E. de Bruyn Kops and pupils.

Mrs. Eva H. O'Hair, Chairman of the Reciprocity Committee, reported the first annual catalog of the Bureau of Information of the Indiana (State) Federation ready for distribution.

DELEGATES TO BIENNIAL, ST. LOUIS, GFWC

From the business session we read: "Mrs. Mummert was elected General Federation Secretary, and so with the President, Miss Taylor, were delegates to the Biennial Convention in Saint Louis, 1904." The other delegates elected were: Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, South Bend; Mrs. H. A. Brown, Logansport; Mrs. Virginia Sharp Patterson, Kokomo; Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie. Fourteen new clubs had been admitted to membership, making a total of 51, which represents a membership of 1,660. Thirty-three clubs were represented at the Convention.

Miss Taylor was nominated again for President, but asked to be excused, as she could not give sufficient time to the office, but the ballot showed that Miss Taylor had received 39 of the 63 entitled to vote, and she was declared elected.

A reception for 179 visiting delegates and their hostesses and local club women was given by Mrs. J. T. McNary at her home, "The Porches," and a musical program was presented by the Woman's Club.

The invitation from the Elkhart club women for the 1904 convention was accepted.

FIFTH CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

ELKHART, 1904

OFFICERS

President, Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle.

First Vice President, Mrs. Belle T. McNary, Logansport.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Mary D. Maxedon, Vincennes.

Third Vice President, Mrs. Kate B. Patterson, Muncie.
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. Perry L. Turner, Elkhart.
 Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Eva H. O'Hair, Greencastle.
 Treasurer, Mrs. Alice M. Vallette, Goshen.

Directors

Mrs. J. L. Harmon, Elkhart.	Mrs. Kate Patterson, Muncie.
Mrs. D. D. Coate, Shelbyville.	Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn.

Seven directors were elected, but unfortunately we have only been able to identify, from the minutes, the above four.

A special session was held at the Century Club of Elkhart at 3:00 p. m., October 12, 1904, to hear the lecture given by the celebrated Dr. Clark of the University of Chicago, "The Spirit of Literature." This was followed by a trip around the city by automobiles and carriages to see the beautiful drives along the St. Joseph River.

This special session and the subsequent entertainment was followed by a Board meeting. We find that the 1904-5 year book would cost \$58 to print, that 51 clubs have paid their dues and ". . . that disbursements were equal to receipts and the treasury was now empty."

The first formal session was opened at 10:20 on October 13, the delay being caused ". . . by the breaking down of a train which prevented the arrival of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Eva H. O'Hair, of Greencastle.

Mrs. Marion Foster Washburne gave the address of welcome on behalf of the Elkhart Clubs, which was responded to by Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, and Miss Taylor responded to the welcome for the City of Elkhart, given by Mayor Charles T. Green.

We were fortunate in locating, through Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Los Angeles, Miss Taylor's address, which covers well the reports for the year 1903-4.

"The administration this year has followed broadly four general lines of action: First, collecting and distributing information concerning Indiana's vital interests; second, forming closer connections with the General Federation through correspondence with its Standing Committees and through large attendance at the Biennial Convention; third, preparing and contributing our exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, thus making our first addition to the education of the world; fourth, conducting routine business, including the extension of interest in the Indiana (State) Federation."

STANDING COMMITTEES

The following eight standing committees were approved upon recommendation of the President: Forestry and Civics, Education, Social Economics, Legislation, Year Book and Reciprocity, Press, Program, Badges, Special Commission of one to take charge of the exposition exhibit.

The President appointed as Chairmen of Committees, Mrs. Kate L. Agnew, Miss Jeannette C. Love, Mrs. Albertha Allen Forrest, Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Mrs. Hannah V. Shaw, Mrs. Annie Shatterley Miller. The Board of Managers elected the President Exposition Commissioner.

ROBERT DALE OWEN MEMORIAL

Fort Wayne Woman

A Robert Dale Owen Memorial Committee was appointed to see to placing a bust of Robert Dale Owen in the Indiana State House to commemorate the rights bestowed on Indiana women by Owen's wise legislation, as follows: Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Chairman; Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart and Mrs. Jane McM. Smith.

At this same time we see Mrs. S. E. Perkins, of the Union of Literary Clubs, heading a committee for promotion of this same activity—honoring Robert Dale Owen. In the meantime, school children all over Indiana were raising a fund—an appreciation fund—through gifts of pennies.

“For the Biennial Convention, your President served on the Literary Committee of the General Federation of Clubs, wrote 86 letters and gave the report for Indiana. Twenty-five persons, including most of the general officers, attended from Indiana, and this is the largest delegation that Indiana ever sent to the GFWC.

“The Federation exhibit in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was also successful. The exhibit is shown in the Palace of Education. It consists of a cabinet with sixteen folding panels and a lower bookshelf. The panels contain, Year Book, Reciprocity Pamphlet and Statement concerning the general growth of Indiana (State) Federation; laws we have supported with classification by objects and general remarks; Robert Dale Owen Memorial matter; eleven panels presenting individual club programs for the year; portraits of the founders of the Federation grouped in badge form and with the badge in color above; portrait of President. On the book shelf appear as bases of study the reports of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Forestry Commission, State Board of Charities, and Traveling Library Commission. A map shows the location of clubs throughout Indiana. . . .

“Routine business has not been so well done and we have only eight clubs to introduce instead of the fourteen of last year. This is not because of lessened interest in the Federation. It is due to the fact that the President has been traveling most of the year, so that letters of inquiry have been delayed and answers have not been prompt enough to be effective. . . . This has been a great cause of regret and your President has earnestly tried to attend to this part of the work since her return; but though she hopes she has sowed some good seeds and has certainly contributed several special journeys and many long letters and speeches, the time has been too short for results.

"And now, one personal note to close a term of office which has reached the constitutional limit. I am more than ever convinced that the Federation is the vanguard of the great movement which Spencer and Comte foresaw. It is rooted in the Literary Clubs for noble thoughts and aspirations. It has the best opportunity in the world to learn true citizenship. It is training and educating the tremendous body of voters of tomorrow. It is learning the justice that will make that body a blessing and a salvation instead of another menace. It is wise enough not to demand its rights before it knows how to use them. Of all the opportunities given to the people of all the world at the present time, the opportunity given by the General Federation and its state branches is the greatest. Even if I did not love the Federation as I do, I should be afraid to stay out of it for dread of being lost out of the march toward nobler things. On, Indiana, and do your best! You will have many Presidents who can work for you better than I have had an opportunity to do; but I love you and believe in you; and I, too, have done what I could.

(Signed) Minnetta Theodora Taylor."

Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Chairman of the Robert Dale Owen Memorial Committee, reported \$109.75 received in voluntary contributions, and that the Committee had been divided into an Art Division with Mrs. D. D. Coate as Chairman, and Finance with Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Chairman.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jane McM. Smith urged the appointment of a Committee for Historical Research, since "... she had information that Indiana was entitled to the honor of being the home of the original Women's Club." Miss Taylor appointed Mrs. Smith, Chairman, to serve with Mary Stull Studebaker (Mrs. J. M.) of South Bend, and Mary D. Maxedon (Mrs. M. D.) of Vincennes, to investigate this. (In the chapter on the Minerva Club will be found reference to the work of this early committee).

Many speakers appeared on the program, among them being: Miss Ida M. Mendenhall, Indianapolis; Miss Merica Hoagland, State Commissioner of Traveling Libraries; Swanui Abhayananda, who gave a lecture on "The Philosophy of Walt Whitman." It was a great disappointment when the announcement came that the President of the General Federation, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, would be unable to attend the meeting. Other speakers were Mr. E. G. Routzohn; Mr. W. H. Fruman, of Wabash, Secretary of the State Forestry Commission; Mr. Gifford Pinchot, U. S. Commissioner of Forestry, who praised the results of women's activities for promotion of forests, and declared, "... that most of the work done in this direction had been prompted by women and largely by women's clubs." (Now, in 1937, the club women of Indiana, in line with the movement all over the United States, have established a Memorial Forest in the name of

Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith. See Mrs. Balz' administration, 1936-7.)

The outstanding speaker on the program was Senator Albert J. Beveridge, "... who paid the women of Indiana the high compliment of giving them a portion of his time in the midst of his arduous labor in the campaign."

The social side of the Convention was not neglected, as we read that Mrs. Perry L. Turner, President of the City Federation, gave a reception to 250 at her home; a musical program was presented by the women of Elkhart, and on the last evening an interpretation of Wagner's "Tannhauser," was presented by several members of the Progress Club, South Bend.

ELECTION

Three were nominated for the presidency—Mrs. J. T. McNary, Logansport; Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Goshen, and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, South Bend. Mrs. Mummert received 37 votes, Mrs. McNary, 36, and Mrs. Kettring, 2. Mrs. Mummert was declared elected, until attention was called to the Constitution, Article IV, Elections, which reads, "A majority of all enrolled delegates of all General Officers, and of all Chairmen of Standing Committees of the Federation attending the annual meeting shall constitute an election. After much time had been consumed in straightening out the tangle, another vote was taken, which resulted in Mrs. Mummert receiving 34 and Mrs. McNary 28, with Mrs. Kettring 0. (Many delegates had retired because they thought the election had been completed.) Finally, a motion was made and carried that Mrs. Mummert be declared unanimously elected President. . . ."

A motion had been made that the Corresponding Secretary not be elected at the time of the other officers. Now the nominees for that office were, Mrs. J. B. Winters, Logansport, and Mrs. Frank Hoffman, South Bend, with the result that Mrs. Hoffman was elected. Mrs. R. J. Spencer, Marion, and Mrs. Alice M. Vallette, Goshen, were nominated for the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Vallette had served previously in this office and since she was from the same club as the newly elected President, Mrs. Mummert, she withdrew her name and the ballot was cast for Mrs. Spencer.

Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, Chairman of the Press Committee, spoke of the generous amount of space given the Federation work by the "Indianapolis News." Mrs. Frank Donner moved to amend the Constitution by substituting the word "plurality" for "majority," which would have saved all the time and confusion had it been done before the election of officers. This matter was referred to the individual clubs for consideration. Mrs. Flora D. Alexander invited the Convention to meet the following year in Vincennes. Mrs. A. P. Kent, Elkhart, moved that Miss Minnetta T. Taylor be made Honorary President.



Alice N. Mummert

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

SIXTH CONVENTION, VINCENNES, 1905

SEVENTH CONVENTION, MUNCIE, 1906

PRESIDENT

ALICE N. MUMMERT (MRS. E. E.), GOSHEN (LOS ANGELES, CALIF.)

Alice Nusbaum was born in Middlebury Township, Elkhart County, Indiana, July 30, 1865, the eldest of four children. . . . She received her early education in the Common and High Schools of Middlebury township and village, and attended several sessions of Teachers' Normal School, held in Goshen, the county seat. She was also interested in music, having taken both instrumental and vocal lessons for some time.

After taking the Teachers' County examination and passing successfully, her first term of school was taught in a neighboring township, Clinton, in the spring of 1882. From that time on until her marriage, she taught continuously—teaching from seven to nine and a half months each year and going to school most of the vacation periods, to complete her education. This was obtained in the Valparaiso Normal School. It was while in that institution that she learned to know and love Mrs. O. P. Kinsey (first President of the consolidated body) and a very firm friendship grew up between them. Four years of the eight years spent in teaching were in the Goshen City Schools, her duties there beginning in the fall of 1886.

She became identified with the First Methodist Church of Goshen and served it in many capacities. While thus engaged in teaching, in Church and Sunday School work, she met Mr. Elmer Ellsworth Mummert, a rising young attorney of the city, and in May, 1890, they were married.

Mrs. Mummert has been for many years interested and associated with organizations for mutual improvement and for the benefit of the public. She was a member of the Executive Board of the Woman's Musical Club of Goshen at its inception, and in 1905 was serving as First Vice President. She possesses an excellent private library, and art, music and literature have each found their proper place in the formation of her character and the rounding out of her life work. (A Twentieth Century History and Biographical Record of Elkhart Co., Ind., published in 1905.)

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Mummert sought to engage in additional social welfare work. She was active in Red Cross work, beginning during the late war, serving for six years as its Executive Secretary and Director of Nursing Activities. She also entered politics and became Secretary of the Elkhart County General Committee, as

well as Precinct Committeewoman of her precinct, the Seventh, in Goshen. While thus engaged she did much constructive work for the suffrage movement, and at one time was President of the Woman's Franchise League of her city.

All these connections were severed upon her removal to California, where she now resides at 220 South Citrus Avenue, Los Angeles. Mrs. Mummert is still interested in women's activities, as her letter to Mrs. Balz, January 4, 1937, says: "I had to forego attendance at a Federation Round Table Forum today in order to finish this article. I am President for the second year of the Los Angeles Tuesday Afternoon Club, an old club now in its 36th year." Only recently from Mrs. Mummert came a circular, "Don't Smash California—Vote No Against the Single Tax," in which she was vitally interested.

SIXTH CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

VINCENNES, 1905

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Goshen.
 First Vice President, Mrs. Perry L. Turner, Elkhart.
 Second Vice President, Mrs. Laura Swope, Seymour.
 Third Vice President, Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. Flora D. Alexander, Vincennes.
 Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Hoffman, South Bend.
 Treasurer, Mrs. R. J. Spencer, Marion.

Directors

Mrs. Margaret B. Weinstein, Kendallville (Appointed upon resignation of Mrs. Mary D. Maxedon, Vincennes.)
 Mrs. Cyrus D. Roys, Elkhart.
 Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.
 Mrs. Alla L. Forrest, South Bend.
 Mrs. Clara Lammers, Greencastle.
 Mrs. Kate Agnew, Valparaiso.
 Mrs. Kate Patterson, Muncie.

IN RETROSPECT

The following, taken from the article written by Mrs. Mummert, is most comprehensive, covering, as it does, her administrations of 1905 and 1906.

"One of the interesting methods used to determine what progress, if any, has been made by an organization, is to take a glance in retrospect; consider from whence it came and evaluate its accomplishments. It is hoped that in doing this with The Indiana (State) Federation of Women's Clubs, as our subject for introspection, that much benefit

will result to the present and future Federation workers. Looking back over the nearly thirty-seven years of Indiana Federation existence gives much cause for gratification.

"It was my privilege to become identified with the Indiana (State) Federation of Clubs, in an official way, very early in its existence. With the Federation only a little more than eight months old, the first convention was held in South Bend, . . . October, 1900, at which time I was elected a member of the Board of Directors, thus in a capacity to assist in guiding its destinies. Then followed other Federation connections, such as: General Federation Secretary, Chairman of Revision of By-Laws, Chairman of Legislation, First Vice President, then at the Fifth Annual Convention, held at Elkhart, . . . elected President. I was, therefore, identified with the Federation almost from its inception, in an official capacity."

In a letter sent to the clubs from Mrs. Mummert following the meeting of the Board of Directors, November 25, 1904, in Goshen, the decision was reached to divide the State into three districts for Press and Reciprocity work, each district having a separate chairman.

The work of the Federation was distributed among the following General Committees:

Education, Sub-sections: Library, Household Economics, Art, Civil Service Reform and Historical Research, Legislation, Federation Extension, Philanthropy, Forestry and Civics, Program, Year Book, Badge, and Robert Dale Owen Memorial.

Reciprocity and Press, three districts: Northern, with Miss Katherine Valentine, Chairman. This included Michigan City, South Bend, Logansport, Kentland, Wolcottville, LaGrange, Elkhart, Goshen, Kendallville, Auburn, Butler, Waterloo.

Central District: Mrs. Bessie L. Ross, Muncie, and Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, Chairmen, including Marion, Muncie, Hartford City, Selma, Montpelier, Indianapolis, Westfield, Shelbyville, Greencastle and Kokomo.

Southern District: Mrs. Emma Cobb, Aurora, Chairman, and including Aurora, Lawrenceburg, Rising Sun, Seymour, Vincennes, Evansville, Bloomington, Spencer and Bloomfield.

"Mrs. Julia S. Conklin is correspondent for the 'Indianapolis News;' Mrs. Bessie L. Ross for the 'Indianapolis Star,' Mrs. Maude D. Hoffman, South Bend, the General Press Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, will send items to the General Federation Bulletin.

"The committees' success will depend greatly on the prompt cooperation of the clubs. May we all realize the value of being an integral part of a great potential force for service to humanity, through an organization that has greater possible power and more direct effectiveness than any other organization among women.

"As long as the people of the Nation pay one dollar and ten cents

per capita for religious purposes, two dollars and two cents for educational purposes, and seven dollars per capita for alcoholic liquors, there remains a great work to be done. Who is to do it? Have we, as women, any part in this great work of making the future citizens? In Federation comes the opportunity.

ONE OF MY MOST EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCES

"Very soon after issuing the second letter to the Federated Clubs I had a most unpleasant and embarrassing moment. Upon assuming the presidency we were faced with a depleted treasury containing but a little more than two dollars. True, dues would soon be available, but we felt they should be used for the promotion of the real work of the Federation. We felt the need of a Year Book, and no funds to finance the printing. The printing of the year book for 1903-1904 was fifty-eight dollars. After considerable correspondence with members of the Board, it was decided to permit an agent . . . to issue a directory of the clubs, including the reports of committees and president's letter. The expense was to be met by securing advertisers, the federation to pay but \$15 toward it.

"Imagine our chagrin and embarrassment, when upon receiving copies of the directory and year book, it was found to contain advertisements of brewing companies and their beer products. . . . To say the least, with the criticisms received, the best we could do, was to ignore a bad situation and proceed to try to overcome it by our work and accomplishments. However, that year book with its beer ads possessed some very helpful features for federation workers, because it contained a full directory, not only of all the federated clubs, with names and addresses, but of the unfederated clubs and the Daughters of The American Revolution. This helped us to contact them and win many of them for Federation. So while we greatly deplored that disagreeable and embarrassing experience, we profited from it, and needless to add, never had it repeated. The following year a presentable year book and directory was published by our capable Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville. We were enabled to do it because of the generosity of the officers, who financed most and in some cases all of their expenses. The President's traveling and other expenses incident to attending Biennial meetings, General Federation Council meetings, attending Board and Executive Committee meetings, as well as traveling to practically every part of the state, amounted to no small sum. At the Atlantic City Council meeting in 1905, I was the only representative from Indiana.

"UNITED STRENGTH IS STRONGER"

"It was at this GFWC Council meeting that the subject of a united organization of clubs for Indiana was first discussed. The General Federation officers agreed to cooperate and give every assistance pos-

sible. I promised to make all reasonable efforts towards its realization. Correspondence was immediately taken up with the president of the Indiana Union (Mrs. Frank Saylor) with that end in view. Indeed, I had been convinced for some time that Indiana womanhood should be united in order to exert the greatest influence toward the accomplishment of matters endorsed by the Federation. 'United strength is stronger.' The impact of numbers cannot be ignored in obtaining favorable action by legislative boards."

On April 4, 1905, a bulletin was sent to each federated club regarding the new edition of "The New Harmony Movement" by George B. Lockwood, published by The Appleton Company, who agreed to remit to the Robert Dale Owen Memorial Committee ten cents from the sale of each book through the agency of the woman's clubs, as reported by name to the Committee. The Bulletin stated the study of this book had been endorsed and recommended by many of the leading club women of the state. Thus while the women were becoming better informed on a most interesting period of Indiana's history, they would also be assisting the effort to place a bust of Robert Dale Owen in the State Capitol. (It was the privilege of Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, years later as Seventh District president, to speak before this bust upon Robert Dale Owen; on the occasion of the visit of the president of the National Woman's Party to Indianapolis.)

The GFWC suggested that a closer relation would exist, by having as far as possible, the same committees in the clubs as in the State Federation, and the State Federation conform with those of the GFWC—making a harmonious three-fold whole.

In compliance with requests for the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, a revision committee was appointed and Mrs. E. H. Kettring, South Bend, as chairman, presented the desired changes at the Vincennes convention.

"Soon after my return from the Council meeting of the GFWC, held in Atlantic City, June, 1905, I released some items concerning outstanding features for the Vincennes convention, to which much publicity was given by the press of the state."

"What we hope will prove one of the most helpful sessions of the convention, will be the club presidents' conference, made up of all the presidents of the federated clubs, with Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Moore present. This is a new feature and one that I am looking forward to as being most helpful."

From the Recording Secretary's (Mrs. Flora D. Alexander) report, Mrs. Mummert quotes the following excerpts: "This was one of the most successful conventions in the history of the organization. Both Sarah S. Platt Decker, President of the General Federation, and Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, First Vice President, remained throughout the session. The convention opened with a recital by the Saturday Afternoon Musical Club of Vincennes, followed by the address of Mrs. Decker. Her rare charm as a speaker was never more appreciated, and the

audience went away more than ever convinced that women's clubs were certainly 'worth while.'" Mrs. Moore's address was "Some Phases of the Educational Work."

Mrs. S. S. Frackelton, of Chicago, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Potter's Wheel," moulding several beautiful pieces and presenting to the Fortnightly Club two vases. Another speaker was Mr. Amos W. Butler, Secretary of the State Board of Charities, who spoke of the help the Federation's Legislative Committee had rendered in aiding in securing needed legislation, particularly that of the Juvenile Court Law, the bill separating the Industrial School from the Woman's Prison, and the measure for establishing a village for epileptics.

THE MINERVA

Mrs. Mary D. Maxedon of the Historical Research Committee, in her report, showed that the first authentically-known woman's club was The Minerva of New Harmony, Indiana, organized by Miss Constance Fauntleroy in 1859. Regarding this matter one of the daily papers said: "Before the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs adjourned at Vincennes, the committee on Historical Research, Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, South Bend, chairman, reported that it had investigated the substantiated Indiana's claim to having organized the first woman's literary club in the United States. Letters were read from Mrs. Constance Fauntleroy Runcie of St. Joseph, Missouri, saying that the Minerva Club of New Harmony, was formed September 20, 1859, antedating the Boston Woman's Club and the Sorosis by nine years." (Under Early Clubs we have shown several clubs which flourished here in Indiana, but which were unknown to club women at the time of Mrs. Mummert's administration). Miss Carrie Pelham showed the badge of the Minerva Club belonging to her mother, Mrs. Pelham of New Harmony, a member. (See History of Minerva Club.)

A reception at the residence of Mrs. Charles Briehaus and a drive to historic points of interest in this quaint old city settled by the French two hundred years ago were much enjoyed. Places visited were the Cathedral St. Francis Xavier with its library of old and valuable books; site of Fort Sackville; The William Henry Harrison House and Territorial Hall, which was the first seat of government for the Northwest Territory.

Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit, author of "Parliamentary Usage for Women's Clubs," upon invitation of the president, took the chair and under her firm and careful direction a number of important changes in the Constitution were made, i. e., a vice president from each Congressional District and increasing the annual dues of the individual clubs.

From the business sessions we find 13 clubs accepted into membership; the Reciprocity Bureau received 37 new and valuable club papers, 26 new study programs and year books; Dr. Hubbard M. Smith donated copies of his book "A History of Vincennes" to the

Federation; 53 pins were reported as sold by Mrs. Annie Shetterly Miller, chairman of Badge Committee. (See Rose Budd Stewart's administration for description of pin.)

The Biennial at Los Angeles created a new committee, that of Forestry, and Mrs. Kate L. Agnew of Valparaiso was appointed the Indiana Chairman. Mrs. Agnew reported much had been accomplished in the preservation of forests, planting of trees and civic beautification in general. She said: "Forestry is not a local question, it is as wide as American jurisdiction.

Among the measures brought before the Legislature which received the endorsement of the State Federation and which were enacted into laws were the following: Senate Bill No. 86, being an amendment to the Nicholson Law, and providing that a remonstrance may be filed against any and all applicants for license in a ward or township that shall operate, when successful, for a period of two years. Senate Bill No. 51 . . . known as the Anti-Cigarette Bill. House Bill No. 32, creating a State Laboratory of Hygiene under control of the State Board of Health. Senate Bill No. 167, providing for the establishment of the Indiana Village for Epileptics. Senate Bill No. 64, providing for the separation of the Industrial School for Girls from the Women's Prison. House Bill No. 246, in the interest of forestry and for the preservation of forests.

Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, chairman of the Robert Dale Owen Memorial Committee (to which committee Miss Minnetta T. Taylor's name had been added), said: "Women (to their credit be it said) demanded to know what Robert Dale Owen did. . . . Many clubs have given the subject a place on their programs. . . . Mr. G. B. Lockwood, author of "The New Harmony Communities," has placed in the hands of the committee fifty copies of the De Luxe edition of his valuable book, the proceeds from their sale to be added to the Memorial Fund. . . . Fifty copies of "The Young People's History of Indiana" has also been donated by the author, with the same provision for their disposal. In conclusion, Mrs. Conklin said: "Acting upon legal advice and for the transaction of business, your committee in June, 1905, incorporated under the laws of the state."

An invitation from the Culture Club and the Women's Clubs, joined in by the Mayor, that the next convention be held in Muncie, was accepted.

Among the resolutions were those recommending that copies of the best pictures be placed in schools and libraries by individual clubs, and that clubs petition the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting girls under the age of eighteen from working in factories at night.

FIRST MENTION OF CONSOLIDATION

We find the first mention of the consolidation of the two women's organizations at this Vincennes convention when a telegram of greeting was sent to the Indiana Union, in session in Indianapolis, and

containing the suggestion: “. . . that a committee of seven be appointed by the president to confer with a like committee from the Union in regard to the consolidation of the two organizations.” We also note that a telegram was read from the Indiana Union containing greetings and expressing the same thought expressed in the one which went from the Indiana State Federation.

The election of officers, which by consent of the delegate body was held with Mrs. Fox, parliamentarian, in the chair, was quite lengthy and required voting, decisions by Mrs. Fox and then more voting. Thirty-eight clubs were represented with 72 entitled to vote. (From minutes of Convention.)

Again it was decided to delay the election of the Corresponding Secretary until the president had been elected. There were three nominees for the office of president—Mrs. Belle T. McNary, Mrs. Mummert and Miss Katharine McIlvaine, with the result that Mrs. Mummert received 43 votes and was declared elected.

With the election came to an end the Sixth Convention, next to the last annual meeting of the Indiana State Federation, because immediately following the Muncie Convention in 1906 the consolidation of the two organizations was effected.

SEVENTH CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

MUNCIE, 1906

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Goshen.

First Vice President, Miss Katharine C. McIlvaine, Vincennes.

(The second and third vice presidents were omitted and a vice president elected from each of the 13 Congressional Districts, with the revision of the Constitution.)

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary B. Galliher, Muncie.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. J. Spencer, Marion.

Auditor, Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn.

General Federation Secretary, Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.

Directors

Miss Katherine Corboy, Valparaiso.

Miss Ada Fitch, Lawrenceburg.

Mrs. Ryell T. Miller, South Bend.

Mrs. Alexander Lemcke, Evansville.

Mrs. Jethro Culmer, Spencer.

Mrs. Minnie Buchanan, Logansport.

(The revised constitution provided for six instead of seven directors.)

Vice Presidents of Congressional Districts

- 1st. Miss Mary M. Thiele, Evansville.
- 2nd. Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington.
- 3rd. (No federated clubs.)
- 4th. Mrs. Abbie North, Rising Sun.
- 5th. Mrs. S. A. Hays, Greencastle.
- 6th. Mrs. Frank Blackburn, Shelbyville.
- 7th. Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.
- 8th. Mrs. H. C. Durbin, Anderson.
- 9th. Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.
- 10th. Mrs. J. E. DeWolf, Michigan City.
- 11th. Mrs. J. Ballard, Logansport.
- 12th. Mrs. Josephine Willis, Waterloo.
- 13th. Mrs. A. P. Kent, Elkhart.

Delegates to Biennial

- Mrs. Alice N. Mummert, Goshen.
 Mrs. W. O. Vallette, Goshen.
 Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.
 Mrs. D. L. Anderson, Greencastle.
 Mrs. Ryell T. Miller, South Bend.

THE FINAL CONVENTION OF THE INDIANA STATE
 FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS—1906

"With the brief summary," writes Mrs. Mummert, "it has been impossible to adequately present all the splendid work of the committees and club members of the Federation, and the enthusiasm and inspiration engendered at the Vincennes Convention. There was an indescribable something present, and for want of a better term, will call it—a spiritual uplift, which was carried back to the clubs. This produced even greater activity and more worthwhile results during the following year, my second as president, having been re-elected at this convention." The co-workers, aside from those already enumerated, which produced the results reported at the Seventh Annual Meeting held in Muncie, October, 1906, were as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

- Education—Mrs. W. O. Vallette, Goshen, Chairman.
 Mrs. Walter Pershing, South Bend; Mrs. Morris M. Ross, Indianapolis; Miss Katherine Corby, Valparaiso; Mrs. Jethro Culmer, Spencer.
- Art—Mrs. A. M. Robertson, Indianapolis, Chairman.
 Mrs. M. V. Beiger, Mishawaka; Mrs. Leonora A. Bogy, Bloomfield; Mrs. George A. Ball, Muncie; Mrs. George Stewart, Marion.

Library—Miss Ida M. Lusk, Vincennes, Chairman.

Mrs. Alice Mills, LaGrange; Miss Selma Tracy, Hartford City;
Mrs. Sarah S. Stephenson, Rising Sun; Mrs. I. G. Burris, Montpelier.

Home Economics and Pure Food—Mrs. J. F. Noland, Logansport, Chairman.

Miss Florence Davenport, Elkhart; Mrs. Minnie Buchanan, Logansport; Mrs. Carrie Johnston, Logansport; Mrs. H. H. Calkins, Bloomfield.

Industrial and Child Labor—Mrs. H. D. Webb, Anderson, Chairman.

Mrs. Emma H. Thomas, Elkhart; Mrs. Elmer Whitely, Muncie; Miss Jennie Eddy, Michigan City; Mrs. Mary S. Armstrong, Kokomo.

Civic—Mrs. Levi Hooker, Evansville, Chairman.

Mrs. Anna Lemcke, Evansville; Miss Harriet Noble, Indianapolis; Mrs. Livy Chamberlain, Elkhart; Mrs. Lucy A. Watson, Wolcott.

Civil Service Reform—Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Irvington, Chairman.

Mrs. Smiley N. Chambers, Indianapolis; Mrs. Charles P. Doney, Indianapolis; Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, South Bend; Miss Emma Goodin, Muncie.

Forestry—Mrs. Kate L. Agnew, Valparaiso, Chairman.

Miss Mabel Benny, Valparaiso; Mrs. Patia Allen, Kentland; Mrs. H. A. Brown, Logansport; Miss Ida Roberts, Westfield.

Legislation—Mrs. S. A. Hays, Greencastle, chairman.

Mrs. E. D. Crumpacker, Valparaiso; Mrs. J. D. Pugh, Shelbyville; Mrs. Mary E. West, Auburn; Mrs. Olive Jackman, Waterloo.

Year Book and Reciprocity—Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville, Chairman.

Mrs. Julia Jamieson and Mrs. Margaret B. Weinstein, Kendallville.

Conference—Mrs. S. D. Farrabee, Indianapolis, Chairman.

Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso; Mrs. H. W. Alexander, Vincennes; Mrs. George L. Forrester, South Bend; Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora; Mrs. Laura B. Swope, Seymour; Mrs. Eva O'Hair, Greencastle.

(The above Conference Committee was appointed to meet with a like committee from the Indiana Union in conferences on the question of merging the two organizations.)

Badge—Mrs. Ryell T. Miller, South Bend.

Program—Mrs. Mary B. Galliher, Muncie, Chairman.

Miss Katharine D. McIlvaine, Vincennes; Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Goshen.

Robert Dale Owen Memorial—Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, Chairman.

From a letter to the clubs by Mrs. Mummert we take the following: The outline of work and the general committees are the same as those of the General Federation. The duties of the District Vice President as outlined by the Executive Committee were ascertaining the number of clubs in the district—urban, rural, those belonging to the State Federation and those in no organization. When possible visit the clubs of their district and keep them informed on work and progress of the Federation. Act as Press chairman of their respective districts, forwarding all important club items, monthly or more often to Miss Laura A. Smith, editorial department, "Indianapolis News." A club column will be maintained in this paper if club women avail themselves of the privilege and forward club news promptly. Make a collection of manuscripts and papers for Reciprocity Bureau.

In this letter, Mrs. Mummert outlined the general work of the nine standing committees—Education—Study to understand local school conditions, in relation to—1. All the children in the schools. 2. Good schools—well equipped. 3. Proper provision for the training of teachers and securing expert supervision for all schools. Study to know the best methods of obtaining ethical instruction and training of pupils in schools. Work for Manual Training and Domestic Science in the schools. Urge cooperation of parent and teacher.

Library—To cooperate and strengthen the work of the Public Library Commission in establishing public libraries in every county seat, procuring trained librarians, become acquainted with uses of the traveling libraries.

Art—Motto—"At least one good picture in every school room in Indiana."

Home Economics and Pure Food—Motto—"Spread the gospel of Pure Food and Right Living." Work for pure food laws.

Industrial and Child Labor—Study conditions of all wage earners, but especially of wage-earning women and then assist in improving them. Study and assist in enforcing Compulsory Education Law, Juvenile Court and Probation Law and Child Labor Law.

Forestry—Encourage the extension of the State Forest Reserve. Observe Arbor Day. Protect birds of the forests. Urge farmers to set aside a liberal portion of each farm for reforestation.

Civics—Motto—"In all respects make a City Beautiful." Observance of all health ordinances, proper sanitation and disposition of garbage.

Civil Service Reform—Study to know the Merit System and all it implies.

Legislation—Each club is requested to study the revised Constitution and By-Laws. According to a provision in the revised by-laws, dues must be paid by January 1st each year. (Dues \$3.00.)

Continuing, Mrs. Mummert says: "Much of the president's time during her second administration was devoted to the work of the union of the two state organizations. . . . It was my child, so to speak, so quite naturally I wanted to do everything in my power to accomplish union."

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

After a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Federation, at the Vincennes Convention, the following telegram was sent to the Indiana Union, in session at the same time in Indianapolis.

"The Board of Managers of the I. S. F. of W. C. sends greetings and will recommend the appointment of a committee to cooperate with you in effecting union of organization."

"The Conference Committee referred to was to meet with a like committee from the Indiana Union to discuss and formulate plans for the consolidation. Many conferences of the committees were held during the year. It was agreed that the conventions should again be held at the same time, and plans of the merger presented to each, and if adopted, the organizations would not elect officers, but elect a committee to meet at a place agreed upon, and there complete the merger. Each convention agreed and adopted the plan presented, whereupon a committee of fifteen was elected from each organization. (See Mrs. Stewart's administration.) This Joint Committee of thirty was to meet immediately after adjournment of conventions.

"By invitation of the Fort Wayne Woman's Club League, the committee met in the assembly room of the Court House there, October 12, 1906. It was my privilege to preside at many of the conferences and at the final meeting, where the merger was consummated, by adopting a Constitution and By-Laws and electing officers. A most auspicious beginning was made by electing that superior leader, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso, as president.

"There was never a thought in my mind of one organization being taken over by the other, which seemed to be a stumbling block in the minds of some. The only justifiable reason for the merger, was to solidify the great womanhood of Indiana into one cohesive unit. This would give them a power and prestige never possible when disunited. I believe the results achieved confirm this view.

"Of course, it was only natural that the Indiana Union, not being aligned with the General Federation, made it necessary for the merged organization to adopt a Constitution and By-Laws to conform with the General body. Also to adopt the Standing Committees of the General Federation."

At this second convention of Mrs. Mummert's, Mrs. Decker, "the popular and highly efficient president of the General Federation," was a guest the entire session. Among those speaking were Mrs. Nellie

Kedzie Jones, of Michigan; Robert J. Aley, of Bloomington; the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, The Secretary of the State Board of Health, and the Attorney General.

"That the newspapers of the State were impressed with what we were doing; the power in our hands, and the influence we were exerting to benefit all citizens, especially the children—our future citizens—was very evident. The space allotted to us was most generous."

CONSOLIDATION

From the typewritten report of the October 10, 1906, meeting of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs in convention at Muncie, Indiana, we read the report of the Conference Committee presented by Mrs. S. D. Farrabee, Indianapolis.

"The duty entrusted to this committee was to aid in devising a method by which the two great organizations of clubs in Indiana . . . could be harmoniously consolidated . . .

"The Indiana Union, through its Business Committee requested . . . the privilege of naming the time and place for this joint session—a favor the president of the Federation graciously granted. So Indianapolis, where both organizations had their initial being, again became the place of meeting for this conference, January 17, 1906, from which was to come plans for the greatest consolidation of womanhood our state has ever known.

"In her letter of instructions to this committee, reports Mrs. Farrabee, the president informed it, that it was an advisory body, unendowed with any executive authority. She advised that the committee meet and organize before going into joint session (but circumstances over which the chairman had no control rendered her efforts to convene this committee in this preliminary meeting abortive) in order that the committee might work harmoniously and intelligently in that convention. She declared the name—"Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs" be not sacrificed."

"In looking at the objectives and plans of work of the two organizations," writes Mrs. Mummert, "we find them practically identical. The difference was in the eligibility of membership. The Indiana Union limited its membership to any Indiana Club and the Indiana State Federation to women's clubs only.

"The Conference Committee recommended a consolidation by the two groups: First—As being in unison with the spirit of the times. This is an era of specialization, of centralization. Second—For State pride, of the States and Territories, Indiana is the only commonwealth that presents the anomaly of divided interests to the General Federation. And where can you find public opinion more responsive to ethical principles than in this great state, where the blessings of Heaven have

been so bounteously bestowed? We certainly can concede much for 'State pride'—remembering,

The winds of Heaven never fanned,
The circling sunlight never spanned
The borders of a better land,
Than our own Indiana.

"Third—It asks that this measure be adopted as an economical improvement."

"These two great organizations," writes Mrs. Farrabee, "as indicated by their authorized plans of work are helping to uplift mentally and morally the people of this great state, and their consolidation by eliminating the expense of one convention will make it possible for clubs to acquire membership and be benefited that otherwise would not be financially able to do so."

Further recommendations were offered by the Conference Committee with the result that the Joint Committee was to be composed of 15 instead of 25 from each organization (see list under Mrs. Saylor's administration); the invitation of the Fort Wayne Woman's Club League for the meeting of the Joint Committee be accepted; (instead of Winona) that instead of the name as first proposed—Indiana State Union of Federated Clubs . . . the Committee from the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs is instructed to retain the name Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs in any reorganization, or other work it may transact for this body.

Surely it was a difficult thing which the club women of Indiana were endeavoring to settle in the two Conventions being held at Muncie and at Winona. "We do not go out of business," said Mrs. Mummert, "we do not give up our organization. This is the surviving body . . . some one has said we will have no officers. This present Board will remain in office until a new Board is elected. I want to make that point clear."

MRS. DECKER GFWC PRESIDENT

Mrs. Decker, president of the General Federation, who was a guest of the Indiana State Federation, said: "I thought last night that you thought I came here to interfere, but I want to say that I came here because I am a member of the Federation. I came and spent my own time and my own money for that purpose, and I want you to feel that way. . . . I heard some of the ladies say that our Club did not know anything about it (the consolidation), but I find the reason they did not know anything about it was because they did not read and discuss it. And the only thing I want to say is that the Committee will be favorable of consolidation. Now there will be some sore hearts and I am sorry for that, but dear friends, I hope all the members of them will be in favor of the consolidation."

The following is a copy of a letter written soon after the convention at Muncie of the Indiana State Federation, although no date is given nor to whom the letter was addressed—"Indianapolis Sunday Star," July 29, 1923.)

"Dear Friends, there is just one way to settle this difficulty. I was present at the Muncie convention. I heard your superintendent of public instruction tell of ignorant children, of neglected children, of sad conditions; I heard your attorney general tell of the unjust property laws for women upon your statute books. The great State of Indiana needs 10,000 of its club daughters. Why not forget the parliamentary questions, the personal disappointments and vexations, and become a part of the consolidation? The sooner it comes the better. Discussion cannot make it easier; there must always be the wrench when we give up the old and adopt the new. Let us now forget the past; let it go in the wrench of yesterday. The future is our concern. . . . At this Christmastide make Indiana a glorious gift filled with the veritable spirit of the hour, of a united happy, forgiving company whose union shall mean a mighty progress for all that makes for the righteous upbuilding of a great state.

(Signed) SARAH PLATT DECKER,
President G. F. W. C."

FINALE

A full account of the consolidation meeting has been given in the administrations of Mesdames Saylor, Meredith and Mummert, and as Mrs. Lulu M. Valentine said at the Muncie convention: "Surely there is not a woman in Muncie but who is in favor of the consolidation." However, we find in the minute book of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, under date of November 3, 1906, a notice which was sent to the members of that organization calling for

"A SPECIAL MEETING

of the Convention of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs . . . for Thursday, November 22, 1906, to be held in Muncie, Commercial Club Hall."

The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers, receive statements of the secretaries, including the minutes, and hear the financial status of the Indiana State Federation from the Treasurer. To consider the desirability of incorporating and ". . . to hear the report of the Committee on Consolidation, of the meeting held in Fort Wayne on October 12, take action on same, and formulate, if possible, a plan for the consolidation of the I. S. F. of W. C. and the I. U. L. C., that will be

satisfactory to both organizations." This notice was signed by the following:

Mrs. Mary B. Galliher, Muncie, Recording Secretary, ISFWC.
 Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora, General Federation Secretary, ISFWC.
 Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn, Auditor, ISFWC.
 Mrs. Emma N. Farrabee, Indianapolis, Chairman Consolidation Committee.
 Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, Vice President, 9th District, ISFWC.
 Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie, Hon. President, ISFWC.
 Miss Ada Florence Fitch, Lawrenceburg, Director, ISFWC.
 Mrs. G. A. Briggs, Elkhart, Fifteen Circle Association.
 Mrs. Martha N. Carter, Muncie, Woman's Club.
 Mrs. Nellie M. Leas, Waterloo, Minerva Club.
 Mrs. Claire A. Walker, Indianapolis, Hon. Member ISFWC.
 Mrs. George A. Ball, Muncie, President Art Students League.
 Mrs. Nannie C. Love, Muncie, President Ladies' Matinee Musicale.
 Mrs. J. V. H. Koons, Muncie, acting president Woman's Club.
 Mrs. Rosa Burmaster, Muncie, President Tourists Club.
 Mrs. Lucy Hoppes, Muncie, President Culture Club.

The notice also contained an interpretation of the result of the consolidation meeting, from which we quote: "The Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs is instructed to retain the name, 'Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs' in any reorganization or other work it may transact for this body." . . . According to parliamentary authority, since 'instructions were not obeyed,' the consolidation did NOT take place, and the State Federation still

MAINTAINS ITS SEPARATE EXISTENCE,

it being evident that the most universally accepted of parliamentary rules were being violated, eleven of the fifteen ISFWC delegates withdrew from the convention, with the consent of the Chair, their reason being that since this convention refused to observe the usual parliamentary laws it had sacrificed its right to be considered a parliamentary body. The ISFWC remains a separate body until a plan of consolidation has been proposed and accepted

BY THE BODY WHILE IN SESSION."

Quoting from the "Call for Special Convention" we read: "According to the constitution of the General Federation, but one body can be admitted to the General Federation from each state. The Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs has been a member of the GFWC for nearly seven years, it still retains its certificate of membership; its dues are paid; it is still in existence, and no outside body has a right to KILL it. . . . The legality of the combination alleged to have been

consummated depends specifically on the terms of the authority reposed in the committee authorized to complete the organization. The authority was specific and admitted of no modification or change by the committee. The five members of the committee of the Federation betrayed the trust reposed in it, and undertook to substitute terms different from those consented to and authorized by the Federation. Their action was not ratified by the Federation, nor in any way consented to, so there could not be and in fact was not a consolidation effected."

This special meeting of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Muncie, Indiana, November 22, 1906, and was called to order by Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, Vice President of the Ninth Congressional District. Mrs. George A. Ball, Muncie, nominated Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, St. Louis, First Vice President of the General Federation, as chairman of the day and Mrs. Moore then took charge of the meeting. Mrs. G. A. Briggs, Elkhart, was elected secretary and Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Parliamentarian, was present and occupied a seat on the platform.

The Credentials Committee, which was elected from the floor, was composed of Mrs. M. Louise Cassidy, Muncie; Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn, and Mrs. Emma Barrett, Albany, and their report showed that 18 clubs were represented by the following 28 delegates: Mrs. Anna Shinn, Hartford City; Mrs. Nellie M. Leas, Waterloo; Mrs. Geo. A. Briggs, Elkhart; Mrs. Francis L. Tanguy, Logansport; Mrs. Lulu M. Valentine, Muncie; Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie; Mrs. E. L. Griffith, Muncie; Mrs. Alice M. Lewis, Auburn; Mrs. J. M. Burris, Montpelier; Mrs. S. B. Twibell, Montpelier; Miss Ada Florence Fitch, Lawrenceburg; Mrs. Ethel Morrison, Anderson; Mrs. Lucy Hoppes, Muncie; Mrs. J. T. McNary, Logansport; Mrs. A. M. Buchanan, Logansport; Mrs. J. F. Nolands, Logansport; Miss Helen M. Smith, Muncie; Mrs. S. W. Farrabee, Indianapolis; Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield; Mrs. A. H. Barnes, Auburn; Miss Nannie C. Love, Muncie; Mrs. George A. Ball, Muncie; Mrs. T. H. Blease, Riverside City; Mrs. Emma Barrett, Albany; Mrs. Anna Bouslog, Albany; Mrs. C. M. Carter, Muncie; Mrs. S. B. Good, Delaware County.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. George A. Briggs, Elkhart, then presented a Resolution which was approved—"Whereas, the existence of the ISFWC seems to be threatened and we, the representatives of 18 clubs, believe that the majority of the clubs in the state desire that the organization should continue and should remain a member of the GFWC, and Whereas, notice of this meeting was sent to the president and secretary of every club and also to every officer and the chairman of every standing committee in the Federation on November 6, giving reasonable time for the delegate to be elected to attend the meeting, therefore,

Resolved, that having the power to transact business as a State Federation, that we proceed to the business included in the Call."

A PROTEST

The first matter of business was the appointment of a committee of three, composed of Mrs. S. W. Farrabee, Indianapolis; Miss Ada Florence Fitch, Lawrenceburg, and Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes of Auburn, to withdraw and draft a protest to be sent to the Board of Directors of the General Federation against the admitting to that body the so-called "Indiana State Federation of Clubs," as the state body of Indiana. Miss Fitch presented the following recommendation, which was approved:

"TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GFWC:

"Greetings We, the delegates of the ISFWC assembled in special meeting in Muncie, Nov. 22, 1906, earnestly protest against the acceptance of the so-called ISFC into membership in the GFWC as the State Organization, thereby usurping the membership in the GFWC of the ISFWC. Our protest is based on the following irregularities: 1st. The vote on consolidation as passed by the ISFWC was conditional, and only to be consummated provided the enlarged body retained the name ISFWC. This positive instruction was disregarded by four members of the committee of fifteen delegates to carry out the wishes of the convention; which four members arrogated to themselves the power of deciding that consolidation was the paramount issue and the name the secondary consideration, contrary to the spirit of the convention which appointed them. The consolidation as claimed was effected by the vote of the fifteen from the IULC and one vote from the Federation.

2nd. The application from the so-called ISFC was not presented to the membership committee of the General Federation through the General Federation Secretary of Indiana as provided for in the By-Laws of the General Federation.

3rd. The various clubs by the payment of dues have property rights in the ISFWC which were not regarded by the illegal attempt at consolidation at Fort Wayne.

4th. We protest against any opinion that was arrived at by either the membership committee or parliamentarian quoted before our minutes were placed before them regardless of the fact that two notifications had been given that the minutes of the ISFWC were on the way, which could not have been the case when the personal opinion was rendered.

As a State organization with its dues paid in the

GFWC we ask your careful consideration of all points connected with this matter.

We recognize the fact that the Women's Clubs of Indiana in their present divided condition cannot accomplish the best work that could be expected from the State, and we hope for a regular, fair and peaceable solution that will result in consolidation of the club forces of the State of Indiana.

To be signed by Secretary.

Sadie A. Briggs, Sec'y pro tem.

Resp'y Submitted—

Emma M. Farrabee, Chairman

Ada Florence Fitch

Alicia H. Barnes.”

The following officers were then nominated and elected:

President, Mrs. S. W. Farrabee, Indianapolis.

Vice President, Mrs. George A. Briggs, Elkhart.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Nellie M. Leas, Waterloo.

Treasurer, Mrs. Francis L. Tanguy, Logansport.

Federation Secretary, Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.

Auditor, Mrs. Alicia H. Barnes, Auburn.

DIRECTORS

Mrs. S. B. Twibell, Montpelier.

Miss Ada Florence Fitch, Lawrenceburg.

Miss Minnetta T. Taylor, Greencastle.

Mrs. Julia Jamieson, Kendallville.

Mrs. Myers.

Mrs. J. C. Culmer, Spencer.

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS

With the recognition by the General Federation of the consolidation of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs and the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, we enter into a period which shows complete harmony of purpose and concerted action among the club-women of Indiana. Later with the dropping of the word “State,” we have the name of our Federation as we know it today—

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Fort Wayne Woman's Club

FOURTH PERIOD

1906 to 1937

PRESIDENTS

of the

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS

and the

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

- 1906 Sarah Porter Kinsey (Mrs. Oliver P.)
- 1908 Frances Cory Major (Mrs. William Stephan)
- 1909 Grace Julian Clarke
- 1911 Luella F. McWhirter (Mrs. Felix T.)
- 1913 Miss Vida Newsom
- 1915 Carolyn Randall Fairbank (Mrs. Clark)
- 1917 Mrs. John E. Moore
- 1919 Maude Lucas Rumpler (Mrs. E. C.)
- 1921 Jessie G. Torrance (Mrs. W. J.)
- 1923 Pauline G. Pittinger (Mrs. O. M.)
- 1925 Bess Vrooman Sheehan (Mrs. Frank J.)
- 1927 Grace Prow Hinkle (Mrs. Hamet D.)
- 1929 Florence H. Miller (Mrs. Edwin F.)
- 1931 Nannie C. Canine (Mrs. Edwin N.)
- 1933 Nora H. Hicks (Mrs. Robert A.)
- 1935 Arcada Stark Balz (Mrs. Frederick G.)
- 1937 Bertha K. Poston (Mrs. Edwin I.)



Sarah Porter Kinsey

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS

First Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1907

Second Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1908

PRESIDENT

SARAH PORTER KINSEY (MRS. OLIVER P.), VALPARAISO

Sarah Porter was born at Proctorville, Ohio, and her education began in the home schools. Afterwards, she spent some time in the school at Cattlesburg, Kentucky. She then went to Lebanon, Ohio, and after graduation there, remained as a teacher for a number of years.

When she left Lebanon, she went abroad, and upon her return from the British Isles and the Continent, she again took up her profession as teacher in the Valparaiso Normal School, now Valparaiso University. She became identified with the Harriet Beecher Stowe Club of Valparaiso, organized in 1895, which became a department club the year before Mrs. Kinsey became a member, 1903. We are indebted to Eva Marble Bondy's dedicatory address of The Sarah Porter Kinsey Memorial in 1925 for much of the personal history of Mrs. Kinsey.

"Mrs. Kinsey was immediately chosen, after becoming a member of the Harriet Beecher Stowe Club, chairman of the Art Department, and brought with her a body of women who had been students under her direction. She was elected President of the Club and served for five consecutive years. It was during her regime that the name was changed to The Valparaiso Woman's Club. The first one hundred dollars of the building fund was also placed in the treasury during her term of office, and this fund was the nucleus that materially represented Mrs. Kinsey's wish that every child and woman in the town should some day have the opportunity to share in the civic and social life of the community.

"As President of the local club she was a delegate to the biennial meeting of the General Federation, which met at St. Paul, Minnesota, 1906. At this meeting her name was placed on the Board of Directors as Chairman. Sarah S. Platt Decker was the President and Mrs. John D. Sherman, Recording Secretary.

"In 1906-1908 there were but eight directors, and it is significant that Indiana had representation at that time. Mrs. Kinsey served also as Director 1908-10, when Mrs. Phillip N. Moore was President . . . the Indiana women placed her name on the Sarah S. Platt Decker Endowment Fund as one of the founders, and hers was the only founder's name from Indiana.

"During the St. Paul Biennial the union of the two Indiana organizations was discussed. "Mrs. Kinsey took great interest in the project, and it was afterward, when a crisis came, that her tact and wisdom accomplished the welding of the two groups, and they became one body, known as the Indiana State Federation of Clubs."

Mrs. Kinsey had the honor of being the first President of the consolidated organization, having been nominated for the office by Mrs. H. M. Beer, Valparaiso Woman's Club. She was re-elected for a second term, the term of office at that time being one year, and later was Vice President.

Mrs. Kinsey was a member of the State Board of Charities for many years; also a member of a committee to encourage High School graduates to form study clubs and continue their studies. She was one of the very first in the field to work for the eradication of tuberculosis.

Mrs. W. J. Torrance, State President 1922-24, not being able to attend the dedication of the Sarah Porter Kinsey Memorial, sent this

tribute . . . "I love to think of Mrs. Kinsey's genius of appreciation, her rich joy she gave and received, her merry heart and the twinkle in her eyes."

We present a few of Mrs. Kinsey's terse sentences, which, as Mrs. Bondy says, ". . . are worthy of the front page in every club calendar."

"Make your club large."

"Hold your club life high; gather in the teachers, the children, the working women."

"Make it pleasant for the newcomers."

"Take up questions of general benefit."

"Do not search for easy ways of doing your work—there is no strength in anything that is easy."

"The Valparaiso Woman's Club, said Mrs. Bondy, was the first club house and community center in the State to be named in honor of one of Indiana's noble educators and progressive women. . . . Is it not fitting that the woman by whose counsel and direction two state organizations were unified twenty years ago, and whose resultant effort is, at this time, a federation of six hundred clubs—a federation second to none in the General Federation—a woman who distinguished herself among State and National leaders, should now be honored by a worthy memorial, single in its distinction, and that her name should be chosen to dignify the institution and perpetuate the selfless purposes designated for it?"

The Indiana Federation of Clubs honored Mrs. Kinsey by making her Honorary President, 1918-22, a tribute which has been conferred upon but one other woman to date—Virginia Claypool Meredith. (Now deceased).

Mrs. Kinsey passed away July, 1922.

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1907

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.

Vice President, Miss Katherine D. McIlvaine, Vincennes.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville.

General Federation Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Boucher, Marion.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne.

District Presidents

First: Mrs. Anna Lemcke, Evansville.
Second: Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington.
Third: Miss Marcia Morris, Corydon.
Fourth: Mrs. A. W. McEwen, Columbus.
Fifth: No President listed.
Sixth: Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
Seventh: Mrs. Grace J. Clarke, Indianapolis.
Eighth: Mrs. John Niblick, Decatur.
Ninth: Mrs. H. H. Ristine, Crawfordsville.
Tenth: Mrs. J. E. DeWolfe, Michigan City.
Eleventh: Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.
Twelfth: Mrs. J. Y. W. McClellan, Auburn.
Thirteenth: Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Goshen.

Directors

Mrs. Ryell T. Miller, South Bend.
Mrs. Mary Attwood, Evansville.
Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Terre Haute.
Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.
Mrs. A. M. Robertson, Indianapolis.
Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.

Chairmen Standing Committees

Program, Mrs. Cora T. Barnett, Indianapolis.
Art, Miss Eliza M. Niblack, Indianapolis.
Civic, Mrs. H. W. Alexander, Vincennes.
Civil Service, Mrs. Walter B. Pershing, South Bend.
Education, Miss Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis.
Forestry, Mrs. Kate L. Agnew, Valparaiso.
Home Economics, Mrs. O. N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne.
Industrial and Child Labor, Mrs. Maude E. Elbel, South Bend.
Legislative, Mrs. William Dye, Indianapolis.
Library, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.
Pure Food, Mrs. Charles Martindale, Indianapolis.
Music, Mrs. J. Richard Francis, Indianapolis.
Reciprocity, Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.
Robert Dale Owen Memorial, Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.
Executive Board, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.
Transportation, Mrs. Anna Lemcke, Evansville.
Revision, Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne.
Press, Mrs. A. M. Robertson, Indianapolis.
Finance and Annual, Miss Katherine D. McIlvaine, Vincennes.
Resolutions and Badge, Mrs. Thomas Bagot, Anderson.
Membership and Printing, Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville.

The work of amelioriating the two groups was the pressing need at this time. At an executive meeting held at the home of Mrs. W. S. Major of Shelbyville, on October 30, 1906, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, President of the Indiana Union at the time of the consolidation, was in attendance, but Mrs. E. E. Mummert, then President of the Indiana State Federation, was detained at home, owing to illness.

It was at this first meeting that the thirteen Congressional District Vice Presidents and the chairmen of several Standing Committees were chosen. It was also decided to hold the first annual meeting of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs, October 29 to 31, 1907, in the Assembly Room of the Dennison Hotel, Indianapolis. The Secretary, Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville, was instructed to prepare a Federation Directory containing a list of all committees and a list of clubs affiliated with both organizations.

GFWC OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

The second Executive Board meeting was held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, December 29, 1906, and the President, Mrs. Kinsey, read a letter from the General Federation to the effect that the new consolidated body, ". . . known as the Indiana State Federation of Clubs," had been admitted to the General Federation of Women's Clubs as the state organization as of December 13, 1906." At this time Mrs. C. W. Boucher, Marion, was appointed General Federation Secretary.

From a letter to the clubs by Mrs. Kinsey, we read:

"To the State Federated Clubs:

"To be able to include in our greeting all the Federated Clubs of the State is more than a pleasure; and, if the many letters, not only from clubs in our state, but from the President and other officials of the General Federation, speak any language, it is that of hope and congratulation and rejoicing for and with us, that we are one body with all the strength and inspiration that comes from large and united numbers.

"The advice from all these friends is expressed briefly in the quotations, 'Let the dead past bury its dead,' 'Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to the harvest.' Following this advice, may we now, with one united purpose and harmonious and sympathetic effort so fill our lives with our work that we shall have no time for vain regrets. This is my earnest wish and my cheering hope.

"In our general reports rhetorical phrases and flowery speeches are not objectionable, but they may be dispensed with as not being vital to helpfulness and effectiveness in the work.

"The question for the club is not what can the Federation do for me, but always, what can I do? If the clubs will realize their responsibility and give to the committee and officials their hearty cooperation, we may look forward with hopes for the club work in our state."

And from the President of the General Federation, Sarah S. Platt Decker's letter, we take the following:

"Dear Friends, old and new, in Indiana: Old friends, who have been devoted and loyal, who have given faithful, unselfish service to the General Federation and its interests; new friends, who have come with courage and zeal to join forces, forces which will make for the weal of the state intellectually, morally and physically. My heart's sincerest wishes go to you for success in your work and plans. May you have growth in numbers and influence, in cooperation and the true spirit of Federation, so that your achievements shall be worthy of the past history of your famous commonwealth."

THE UNION OF ALL FOR THE GOOD OF ALL

The first annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs, held at the Dennison Hotel and Propylaeum, Indianapolis, opened with an Executive Board meeting and a meeting of the Board of Directors.

These meetings were followed by a tea in the private dining room of the hotel by the Indianapolis Clubs, and a reception by the Art Association, at the Herron Art Institute. In the beautiful sculpture court the members and guests were received by Mr. Evans Woollen and the Mesdames Benjamin Harrison, Sarah P. Kinsey, May Wright Sewall, Addison Bybee, Winfield Scott Johnson, A. J. Clark and Grace Julian Clarke.

In the evening at the Propylaeum, where music was furnished by the Indianapolis Conservatory of Music, Mons. E. Miliano Renaud presented a piano recital, and the Hon. J. Frank Hanley, Governor of Indiana, gave the welcome address.

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, in responding to Governor Hanley's welcome, said: "... you have been eloquently greeted by the Chief Executive of our State. To be sure, this was a man's welcome, strictly speaking, for the Governor was elevated to his high office by the votes of men. . . . That the time approaches when women shall have a voice in the selection of state and other public officials, we devoutly believe."

Mrs. Philip N. Moore, St. Louis, Missouri, First Vice President of the General Federation, and who "... is a typical club woman with most pleasing presence, manner, smile and culture," said, "... she was glad to be the first to welcome the new Federation of this State to the General Federation, which looked forward to having Indiana

in the front rank in the General Federation." (We today, 1937, are proud of the position Indiana holds in the GFWC, which is easily traceable to the early club women with their vision of the future.)

The Vice President of the Indiana State Federation, Miss Katherine McIlvaine, gave the response. Then followed the address of Mrs. Kinsey, the President, which unfortunately we do not have. Mrs. Kinsey was a most forceful speaker and a forward-looking woman.

Mrs. E. E. Mummert, last President of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, was prevented by illness from attending, but sent a telegram which read: "May this be the most successful convention ever held in Indiana; the State needs you, rise to your high privileges and make this Federation the best in the General Federation."

MEMBERSHIP

The reports show 12th district, Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, Columbia City, Chairman, reported the greatest number of federated clubs, 19 (Mrs. Marshall had been appointed District Chairman upon the resignation of Mrs. Julia Jamieson); 8th District, Mrs. H. C. Durbin, Anderson, the second largest, 16, and 6th district, Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville, with 14 clubs.

Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville, reported 12 new clubs received into the Federation during the year. A year book of uniform size, 6x8, as suggested by the General Federation, was adopted. Mrs. Kinsey appointed Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash, Chairman of the Election Board; Miss Katherine McIlvaine, Vincennes, Program Chairman in place of Mrs. Cora T. Barnett, Indianapolis, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville, Chairman of the Convention Committee, to select the time and place for the next annual meeting. (The committee selected Indianapolis again and the time, October, 1908.)

HONORARY LIST DROPPED

"Miss Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis, an honorary member of the Indiana Union, moved that the 'Honorary' list heretofore recognized in the two organizations, be dropped, beginning the new State organization with a clean slate. This was seconded by Mrs. Rohbock and many others, showing it was unanimously desired. Carried."

FIRST CLUB IN NEW ORGANIZATION

Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Treasurer, reported Sorosis Club of Angola, 12th district, had the honor of being the first new club to join the consolidated body. (We regret to say that Sorosis is not now, 1937, a member of the Federation.)

A suggestion was made that all clubs set aside one day to be known as Federation Day, to emphasize State topics of work. To-day we have several outstanding Federation Day meetings at which all club women, State officers, and many times officers of the General Federation are guests.

FIRST COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

The Board of Managers recommended that the convention adopt the resolution that a county representative be selected in every county. ". . . who may report to the District President all club information." This was the beginning of our very fine organization, which has resulted in more effective work throughout the state. So the organization as we know it today has grown from the fine ground work planned by the club women of yesterday.

Through the efforts of Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis, the convention was provided with a voting machine which registered 136 votes.

The Executive Board appointed Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond, to represent the Federation at the Annual Civic Association meeting in Boston, November, 1907, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville, to the National Library Association meeting.

Mrs. Walter Olds, Fort Wayne, was chosen Federation Parliamentarian. And we see the name of our beloved Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, appointed to serve as parliamentarian after the resignation of Mrs. Olds.

Mrs. Kinsey requested each chairman of a standing committee to keep an accurate account of her expenses and report to the Treasurer, in order that a record of the total expense of financing the Federation for one year could be arrived at. We find in the Treasurer's report that ". . . sixteen persons replied they would not present a bill of expense and eighteen responded by sending itemized accounts, but the amounts in most instances have been contributed to the Federation." Today in our work in the Federation we find the same willingness to cooperate by either keeping within the small budget allowed, or because of the deep interest in the work, using personal funds.

Mrs. Decker, President of GFWC, once said: "The committees are the backbone of the Federation" and we find much outstanding work was done by the various committees.

ROBERT DALE OWEN MEMORIAL

Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield, chairman of the Robert Dale Owen Memorial Committee, made a plea for the continued support of this venture and listed the clubs contributing, as follows:

Fortnightly, Vincennes.	Fortnightly, Indianapolis.
Woman's Research, Aurora.	Woman's, Indianapolis.
Woman's Literary, Rising Sun.	Art Club, Anderson.
Woman's Club, Martinsville.	Woman's Literary, Elwood.
Saturday, Brookville.	Woman's Club, Winchester.
Carey, Connersville.	Oracle, Delphi.
Coterie, Shelbyville.	Woman's Study, Michigan City.
Monday Afternoon, Indianapolis.	Woman's Club, Valparaiso.
	Indiana Sorosis, Huntington.

Shakespeare, Huntington.
Ladies' Literary, Auburn.
Fortnightly, Fort Wayne.

Impromptu, South Bend.
Progress Club, South Bend.
Zelda Reading, Warsaw.

Perhaps there are many others which gave to this project, but the names were not listed.

"Men who sell shall sell what they profess to sell; men who buy, shall get what they ask for," is the way Mrs. Charles Martindale, Indianapolis, chairman of the Pure Food Committee, explained the pure food law which was then in full effect.

STATE TREE

Mrs. Kate L. Agnew, Valparaiso, chairman of the Forestry Committee, suggested that the committee was desirous that Federated Clubs take the initiative in having a tree set apart by the State Legislature for the State Tree. (Later the Tulip Tree was so designated.)

Dr. J. N. Hurty, Secretary of the Indiana Board of Health, in his address "The Gold That Is in the Air" advocated the establishment of a state hospital for consumptives and asked the women to cooperate. Other speakers were Rabbi M. M. Feuerlicht, President of the Indianapolis Children's Aid Association, and Miss Merica Hoagland, head of the library school of the Technical Institute and chairman of the Educational Committee.

FIRST WOMAN'S PRISON IN AMERICA (1873)

The State of Indiana has the honor of establishing the first woman's prison in America (1873.) Mrs. J. Ellen Foster (sent out by the government in the interest of prison reform) said: "No state but Indiana has taken its women from the jails to a work house for women and through medical science has enacted a law that the power to create shall be taken away from degenerate men. Indiana is the only state I know that has been brave enough to do it."

In Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith's remarks on "The State's Debt to Mrs. May Wright Sewall" she recounted Mrs. Sewall's labors in connection with the public schools, the Girls' Classical School, the Propylaeum, the Local Council of Women, the Art Association, the John Herron Art Institute, the Peace Congress and the International Council of Women. "In the latter organization," said Mrs. Meredith, "she is the only woman without a title that has ever held the position of president." Mrs. Sewall's address was "The Evolution of Women as a Factor in Social Reform." She said: "... there are 500,000 women of 24 nationalities, speaking 19 different languages, organized into the women's clubs of the world." (Today the GFWC alone lists a membership of close to three million women.)

One of the outstanding speakers was Mrs. Phillip N. Moore, First Vice President of the GFWC.

Sorrow entered the ranks of the new organization in the passing of the Auditor, Mrs. Thomas Bagot of Anderson, February 20; the Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Woodworth, Fort Wayne, July 7, and a member of the Legislative Committee, Mrs. R. J. Spencer of Marion, July 21.

The President appointed Mrs. J. B. Percy to fill the office of Auditor; Mrs. I. N. Taylor to fill the office of Treasurer. (Mrs. Taylor later resigned and Mrs. C. R. Dryer, Terre Haute, was appointed.)

A letter was read from the President of the General Federation, Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, who was unable to attend the convention, which in part read—

“To the Indiana State Federation of Clubs:

“My Dear Friends:—I am sending one message and entreaty to each one of the many State Federations whose kind invitations I have received at this time. I believe that the moment has come for this word. I plead with you to drop the old idea which has prevailed so largely, that the Club and Federation work is an incident, a happening, a passing pleasure or interest to be put on and off like a garment. I ask you to look upon it in a new light, to regard it as a real profession which has come to the women of this generation.

“... The profession of Club Woman! May it come to be a title so proud that it shall outrank royalty or pride of birth. May it be an inheritance to our children more precious than land or gold. May it mean to the world that a mighty company of earnest women are adding a profession to their lives—a real profession—‘Occupation for service of the world.’”

GFWC MEMBER CLUBS

The following Indiana clubs held membership in the General Federation at this time:

Auburn—Ladies' Literary.	Indianapolis—Woman's Club,
Connersville—Cary Club, A	Over the Tea Cups, Fort-
Dozen of Us.	nightly Literary.
Elkhart—20th Century.	Jeffersonville—Current Events.
Fort Wayne—Woman's Club	Kendallville—Tuesday.
League, Woman's Reading,	Lafayette—Monday.
Saturday, Fortnightly.	Lawrenceburg—Review.
Greencastle—Century, Over the	Michigan City—Woman's Study.
Tea Cups.	Shelbyville—Tourist.
Goshen—Beacon Lights.	Spencer—Clio.
Hammond—Woman's Club.	South Bend—Progress, Im-
Huntington—Sorosis.	promptu.
Valpariaso—Conversation,	Vincennes—Fortnightly.
Woman's Club.	

NOMINATION OF MRS. KINSEY

Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, chairman of the Election Board, placed in nomination for President the name of Mrs. Kinsey. "It was evident that every delegate present was anxious to show her love for and appreciation of Mrs. Kinsey and her work in behalf of the Federation for 1907. At this point Mrs. Hays moved that Mrs. Kinsey's nomination be made unanimous—carried."

Those nominated as delegates to the Biennial were Mesdames Virginia C. Meredith, S. A. Hays, E. D. Crumpacker, J. M. Waugh, R. T. Miller, W. S. Major, O. N. Guldlin, Anna Lemcke, J. M. Fowler, Eva B. Rohbock, E. M. Ochiltree and Miss Sabra Ann Fralick.

The Directors nominated and elected were—Mesdames M. F. Johnston, Mary Attwood, Ryell T. Miller, Anna C. Brown, Julia S. Conklin, Eva H. O'Hair and A. J. Clark.

After adjournment it was discovered that Section 5, Article 4, had been unknowingly violated, two officers from the same town having been elected in a few cases, making it necessary that some resignations be offered. (See second administration of Mrs. Kinsey for revised list of Directors.)

In speaking of the 1907-1908 year book, Mrs. Kinsey said: "It has been a labor of love given cheerfully by our two secretaries. . . . Wishing to bring to the notice of the clubs some good entertainment, we solicited a few advertisements." From the treasurer's report we find the ads in this year book amounted to \$66.50. Compare this with the total revenue derived from our 1937 year book and we find that through our solicitor, The E. C. Saunders Publishing Company, Indianapolis, the ads netted the Federation \$658.75. This must show that our Indiana firms have confidence in the Federation today.

In closing her year's work as head of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs, Mrs. Kinsey said: "The first annual convention of the consolidated bodies of the two former state organizations was beautiful proof of the wisdom of the union of the two bodies. It showed that we had nearly doubled in numbers, more than doubled in strength, and had renewed our youth and now, with all the hopes, ambitions and enthusiasm of youth, we are looking forward, not backward, to a year of large growth in numbers and larger growth in good works and achievements. . . . The work for this year, and for all years, must be for better homes, better social conditions, especially for wage earning women, the training and better care of the criminal and defective classes, the better training of the children, better laws, and better enforcement of those laws we have. For the individual, a simpler and a happier life, keeping in touch with all good work for the betterment of the race."

SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER 27, 28, 29, 1908

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.
 Vice President, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis.
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.
 Corresponding Secretary, Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville.
 General Federation Secretary, Miss Sabra Ann Fralick, South Bend.
 Treasurer, Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne.
 Auditor, Mrs. Craigie G. Mitchell, Bedford.

Presidents of Congressional Districts

- 1st. Mrs. Anna Lemcke, Evansville.
- 2nd. Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington.
- 3rd. Miss Marcia Morris, Corydon.
- 4th. Mrs. Rose M. Carter, Seymour.
- 5th. Mrs. A. D. Davis, Brazil.
- 6th. Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville.
- 7th. Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Indianapolis.
- 8th. Mrs. H. C. Durbin, Anderson.
- 9th. Mrs. H. M. Kingery, Crawfordsville.
- 10th. Mrs. J. E. DeWolfe, Michigan City.
- 11th. Mrs. E. B. Rohbock, Wabash.
- 12th. Mrs. T. R. Marshall, Columbia City.
- 13th. Mrs. William Conrad, Warsaw.

Directors

Miss Katherine D. McIlvaine, Vincennes, Chairman.
 Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
 Mrs. Martha H. Griffith, M. D., Crawfordsville.
 Mrs. Eva H. O'Hair, Greencastle.
 Mrs. Mary Attwood, Howell.
 Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.

Chairmen of Business Committees

Executive, Mrs. Kinsey.
 Finance, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis.
 Transportation, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.
 Membership, Miss Harriet Conlogue, Kendallville.
 Printing, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.
 Program, Miss Katherine D. McIlvaine, Vincennes.
 Annual, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis.
 Time and Place, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.
 Credential, Mrs. R. T. Miller, South Bend.

Fort Wayne Woman's Club

Badge, Mrs. John F. Mitchell, Greenfield.
Press, Mrs. A. J. Clark, Indianapolis.
Revision of Reciprocity Lists, Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.
Revision of Constitution, Mrs. E. M. Ochiltree, Connersville.
Resolutions, Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Goshen.
Election Board, Mrs. Ryell T. Miller, South Bend.

Special Committees

Health, Mrs. Elma C. Spohn, Elkhart, and Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.
Consumers' League, Mrs. Emma Eckhouse, Indianapolis.
Courtesy, Mrs. Lucy Compton Watson, Wolcott.
Robert Dale Owen Memorial, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.
Biennial, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

Standing Committees

Art, Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond.
Civic, Mrs. Leo Nussbaum, Marion.
Civil Service Reform, Mrs. F. L. Welsheimer, Auburn.
Education, Mrs. Julia Jamieson, Kendallville.
Forestry, Mrs. Kate L. Agnew, Valparaiso.
Home Economics, Mrs. O. N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne.
Industrial and Child Labor, Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Indianapolis.
Legislative, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.
Library, Miss Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis.
Literature, Mrs. Perry Heath, Rochester.
Music, Miss Clara I. Kenower, Huntington.
Pure Food, Mrs. W. W. Parsons, Terre Haute.

The second convention opened with meetings of the Executive Committee, Directors and Council (Board of Managers and Club Presidents) in the Claypool Assembly Hall, Indianapolis, for business sessions, Tuesday, October 27. Following these meetings many of the officers and delegates attended the unveiling of ex-President Harrison's monument and at four o'clock the Federated Clubs of Indianapolis gave a reception at the home of Mrs. Edward F. Hodges.

A violin recital by Miss Edith Carroll Brown of Indianapolis, opened the evening session. Mrs. Luella F. McWhirter gave the address of welcome which was repounded to by Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith.

The decision of the Executive Board and Board of Managers that no addresses would be printed in this year's reports, only reports of committees, leaves us but the subject of Mrs. Kinsey's address—"The Aims and Objects of the General Federation," as well as that of Mrs. Kate Upson Clark—"The Essentials and Nonessentials of Life." Both Mrs. Kinsey and Mrs. Clark were eloquent speakers and we regret this decision of the Board.

From reports of business committees we note: Miss Sabra Ann Fralick, GFWC State Secretary, reporting that January 1, 1908, sixteen clubs in Indiana held membership in GFWC and that since that date 23 clubs had been admitted.

This brings the present membership in GFWC to 39, representing for Indiana 587 members.

According to the report of the Membership Committee of the GFWC, June 25, 1908, Indiana ranked third in the United States and first in the West in the number of clubs admitted this year. Massachusetts had 47 clubs, New Hampshire 26, and Indiana 23.

At the close of the 1907 convention, Miss Katherine D. McIlvaine, Vincennes, was elected chairman of the Board of Directors.

Since it had been discovered after adjournment that a part of the By-Laws had been unknowingly violated, there were the following resignations: In the Director's list, Mrs. R. T. Miller resigned and Mrs. Eva O'Hair was appointed; Mrs. A. J. Clark's place was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, and Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith was appointed in place of Mrs. M. F. Johnston. Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, (wife of Thomas R. Marshall who later became the Vice President of the United States), Columbia City, was appointed District Vice President upon the resignation of Mrs. Julia Jamieson.

ADDITION OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

The recommendation of the Board of Directors that a Second Vice President be elected and eight Directors instead of six, was adopted. To Miss Harriet V. Conlogue of Kendallville, 12th district, went the honor of being the first to fill the office. Not until 29 years later, 1937, (Mrs. Frederick G. Balz' administration) was the need felt for a Third Vice President.

PRESIDENT VISITS DISTRICTS

It was suggested that the President plan an itinerary, if possible, visiting all of the thirteen Congressional Districts, in the interest of Federation. This was done and we find Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were visited. Now the President each year visits all of the Districts and much good is derived by the local club women when the President, and many state officers, attend the District Conventions.

SEVENTH DISTRICT STATUS

It was also decided that “. . . in consideration of the large number of clubs in Indianapolis and the necessity of a District Vice President for this important place, which comprises the whole of the Seventh Congressional District within its city limits . . . that the Constitution be so amended that the city of Indianapolis may have properly both a District Vice President and a General Officer if so desired.”

CHANGE OF NAME—"DISTRICT CHAIRMEN"

In the report of Mrs. E. M. Ochiltree, chairman on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, we find but one recommendation which did not pass. "Article I shall read: The name of this organization shall be the Indiana Federation of Clubs, dropping the word 'State.'" The final vote resulted in retaining the full name. The time was not yet ripe for this change, but in 1909 at the suggestion of the President, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, the word "State" was omitted. (See Mrs. Clarke's administration.) The changing of the name "Presidents of Congressional Districts" was changed to "District Chairmen." Then in 1930 (Mrs. Edwin F. Miller's administration) it was again changed to "District Presidents."

South Bend was chosen for the next convention city and the time, October, 1909.

Many prominent people addressed the convention during its three-day session. Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, then Second Vice President of GFWC, was an honored guest. Dr. John Owens, State Food inspector; Dr. J. N. Hurty, Secretary of the Indiana Board of Health; Dr. W. C. Swank; Dr. Harriet H. Griffith; Professor S. H. Clark, University of Chicago, and Elma C. Spohn, Chairman of the Health Committee, who recommended "... that the Indiana State Federation of Clubs make the Anti-Tuberculosis cause a prominent feature of their work."

The convention endorsed the bill which seeks the appointment of a Library Building Commission for the next General Assembly and also to purchase a site and erect a State Library and Museum in the vicinity of the State House.

Mrs. O. N. Guldlin, Chairman of the Home Economics Committee, conducted a Round Table. The topics discussed were: "Household Management," Mrs. Nellie B. Land; "What Other States Are Doing," Mrs. N. J. Howe; "The Requirements and Costs of Home Economics in the Public Schools," Mrs. C. G. Mitchell.

GENERAL FEDERATION HOUR

Many of the delegates attending the Boston Biennial gave brief reports and it was from this, no doubt, that our "General Federation Hour" had its beginning.

Mrs. R. T. Miller, South Bend, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported 235 delegates from 137 clubs; 68 towns and 57 counties represented; the seventh district sent 47 delegates from 22 clubs; sixth district, 37 delegates from 19 clubs; thirteenth district, 28 delegates from 14 clubs; eighth district, 26 delegates from 14 clubs; the second and thirteenth districts sent delegates from the largest number of towns—eight.

With the presentation of the new President, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville, and her newly elected officers, the second annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs came to a close.



Frances Cory Major

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Third Annual Convention

SOUTH BEND, OCTOBER 26, 27, 28, 1909

PRESIDENT

MRS. WILLIAM STEPHAN MAJOR, SHELBYVILLE

Frances Cory, daughter of Alexander and Loretta Morrison Cory, was born February 20, 1851, at Hanover, Indiana. While still a young

girl, the family moved to Shelbyville, where Frances graduated from high school and later attended Glendale College at Glendale, Ohio. It was in Shelbyville that she married William Stephan Major and resided there until her death on December 25, 1929.

Mrs. Major was an ardent club woman, interested in all civic movements and an untiring worker in church and club affiliations. Mrs. Helen M. Cotton of Shelbyville writes of Mrs. Major as follows: "Mrs. Major, with others, succeeded in building a modest Episcopalian church in Shelbyville. However, there were not enough members to sustain it and it has passed into history.

"Mrs. Major's outstanding club work in Shelbyville was along civic lines. As a member of the local Civic Association our public square was landscaped and beautiful shrubbery planted. There are also two other beautiful flower beds in the city for which she furnished the inspiration. Someone has said that 'Through the inspiration gained from this Association much was accomplished in her own town in developing an interest in the children for artistic and beautiful surroundings at their homes.'

"She was also a member of the Indiana State Board of the Audubon Society and assisted E. W. Woollen in his organization work throughout the State.

"As a member of the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of Indianapolis, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, she represented the chapter at the National Meeting of the D. A. R. in Washington during the regency of Mrs. Charles Fairbanks.

"Having served as Recording Secretary of the Indiana Union in 1906, she was elected first Secretary of the consolidated organization and was sent with Mrs. O. P. Kinsey to the Boston Biennial in 1908 and served there as a member of the Election Board.

"Mrs. Major was known to be an expert in needlecraft and because of her ability in this line she was solicited to aid in making the Woman's Exhibit from Indiana to the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893. This was one of the finest in the Woman's Building. She was in charge of this department and was awarded a diploma and medal for her exhibit. She was also appointed a member of the Awarding Commission of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition held in St. Louis later, and for this service, also she had honors bestowed upon her.

"Unfortunately, Mrs. Major's health declined at the beginning of her term as President of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs, which deprived her of all club work and prevented her being as active in the office as she otherwise would have been. (Historical Edition.)

"Mr. Major, her husband, willed her a life interest in their palatial home. After her death it was to go to the city for a hospital," writes Mrs. Cotton. "After Mrs. Major became ill, she deeded her life interest to the city, retaining the large drawing room for herself. The hospital was established and operated successfully for many years be-

fore her death. The institution has been heavily endowed and is a great blessing to the community."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.
 First Vice President, Mrs. William Conrad, Warsaw.
 Second Vice President, Miss Harriet V. Conlogue, Kendallville.
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. N. T. Anderson, Greencastle.
 Corresponding Secretary, Miss Clementine Weisert, Vincennes.
 General Federation Secretary, Miss Sabra Ann Fralick, South Bend.
 Treasurer, Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne.
 Auditor, Mrs. C. G. Mitchell, Bedford.

Directors

Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso, Chairman, in charge of 10th and 11th districts.
 Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute, in charge of 3rd and 5th districts.
 Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington, in charge of 1st and 2nd districts.
 Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Indianapolis, in charge of 7th district.
 Mrs. Wm. McConnell, Rising Sun, in charge of 4th district.
 Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Greenfield, in charge of 6th district.
 Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Goshen, in charge of 12th and 13th districts.
 Mrs. E. L. Saylor, Elwood, in charge of 8th and 9th districts.

District Chairmen

1. Mrs. Kate Daniels, Evansville.
2. Mrs. Florence J. Schaffer, Sullivan.
3. Mrs. Lillie Smith, New Albany.
4. Mrs. Rose W. Carter, Seymour.
5. Mrs. Francis M. Parks, Martinsville.
6. Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville.
7. Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Irvington.
8. Mrs. H. C. Durbin, Anderson.
9. Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.
10. Mrs. Edith Griffin, Hammond.
11. Miss Alice Dunlap, Peru.
12. Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Auburn.
13. Mrs. Phoebe Willey, Plymouth.

Parliamentarian

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

Business Committees

Executive

Mrs. W. S. Major	Mrs. N. T. Anderson
Mrs. Wm. Conrad	Miss Clementine Weisert
Miss H. V. Conlogue	Mrs. I. N. Taylor

Membership

Miss Clementine Weisert
 Mrs. W. S. Major
 Mrs. N. T. Anderson

Finance

Mrs. I. N. Taylor
 Mrs. Wm. Conrad
 Mrs. O. P. Kinsey

Printing

Miss H. V. Conlogue
 Mrs. O. P. Kinsey
 Miss Clementine Weisert

Transportation

Mrs. W. T. Anderson
 Mrs. I. N. Taylor
 Mrs. C. G. Mitchell

*Convention Committees**Program*

Mrs. O. P. Kinsey
 Mrs. L. J. Cox
 Mrs. E. E. Mummert
 Mrs. F. L. Saylor

Annual Arrangements

Mrs. E. B. Hyatt
 Mrs. W. S. Johnson
 Mrs. Wm. McConnell
 Mrs. J. F. Mitchell

Special Committees

Biennial—Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City, Chairman;
 Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso; Mrs. C. G. Mitchell, Bedford.
 Christmas Stamp—Mrs. T. A. Stewart, Lafayette, Chairman.
 Club Supervision—Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso, Chairman.
 Pin—Mrs. J. F. Mitchell, Greenfield; Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond;
 Mrs. F. T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.
 Time and Place—Mrs. L. L. Whiteside, Franklin; Mrs. H. C. Clay,
 Columbus.

Chairmen Standing Committees

Art—Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond.
 Forestry—Mrs. Virginia S. Patterson, Kokomo.
 Civil Service Reform—Mrs. C. S. Jameson, Indianapolis.
 Credential—Mrs. R. T. Miller, South Bend.
 Education—Mrs. W. H. Beers, Valparaiso.
 Election Board—Mrs. Ida Tannenbaum, Crawfordsville.
 Civics Department—Mrs. C. R. Dyer, Terre Haute.
 Food Sanitation—Mrs. J. G. Ibach, Hammond.
 Health—Martha H. Griffith, Crawfordsville.
 Home Economics—Mrs. Frank Land, Richmond.
 Industrial and Child Labor—Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Indianapolis.
 Legislative—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.
 Library Extension—Miss Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis.
 Literature—Mrs. Josephine Page Wright, Fort Wayne.
 Music—Mrs. Mary Fickson, Vincennes.
 Press—Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.
 Reciprocity—Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.
 Resolutions—Mrs. Stella Meeker, Crown Point.

Revision of Constitution—Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

Women's Prisons and Girls' Reformatories—Mrs. John C. Niblick, Decatur.

The third annual meeting was held in the Commercial Athletic Club of South Bend, October 26th, 27th, 28th, 1909, with the Progress and Impromptu Clubs as hostesses.

As usual the routine business of the convention was taken care of at the Executive and Board of Managers' meetings in the forenoon of the first day. This was followed by an informal tea given by the hostesses in the afternoon in the Progress Club rooms.

Greetings by Mrs. Charles P. Drummond opened the session, and she said, in part: "As individuals gain in knowledge and strength through united effort, so do clubs profit by federation. (This is the broader vision of all of our club life.) May not the tone of woman's influence bring harmony and peace to some of the troublous conditions which beset society? May she not, by her gentle influence and more tender power, earn her share of the reward in uplifting humanity? This is our end and aim."

Mrs. Harriet Conlogue Maloney, Second Vice President of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs, gave the response.

The subject of Mrs. Major's address was "Manual Training as a Factor in Culture in the Elementary School Course." She said: "The greatest contribution which the club women and the mothers of today could give to the world at large and to the children in their community would be an organized effort for the introduction of rational forms of manual training and domestic science in the elementary schools." The Historical Edition says: "This administration was especially interested in having a complete system of Domestic Science and Manual Training inaugurated in the public school curriculum, beginning in the primary grades and including all forms of handwork—sewing, clay modeling, wood work, metal work, textiles, bookbinding, printing, drawing, painting, designing, and cooking. One of Mrs. Major's great desires was to create an interest in dress reform in every school and college in the country, with students dressed in uniform to relieve the possible embarrassment to those who were unable to afford more expensive gowns."

"Education for Living" could well have been the slogan of this administration as we read Mrs. Major's address. She said: "I would not set as the object of education a good citizen, a successful money-maker, an expert mechanic, a keen lawyer, an eloquent minister, or a learned professor—these are special ends, not the major ends. It should be the very biggest thing in life, the most general and far-reaching the mind can formulate.

"The greatest thing in life is life, and so it is this that we must aim for—life in its fulness—and so education has to do with the whole of

life, with man, and not any one of his activities, and therefore we may define education as the unfolding and the perfecting of the human spirit."

From reports of committees we see that Mrs. J. G. Ibach, chairman of the Food Sanitation Committee, asked that the model pure food laws and sanitation inspection laws be enforced. Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, chairman of the Civic Committee, reported observance of clean-up day, organization of Women's Civic Leagues, planting of trees, beautifying roadsides, flower and seed distribution, organized playground associations and vocational schools.

INDIANA FIRST TO PASS PURE FOOD LAWS

The following bills, as reported by the chairman of Legislation, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, were endorsed: "The erection of a state library building and museum. (Defeated because the time was inopportune.) Erection of tenement houses. (Passed. signed by the Governor. but amended to apply only to Evansville. Mrs. A. F. Bacon, whose bill it was, presented her subject so clearly and was so thoroughly informed about housing laws, that the utmost respect and courtesy was shown her at all times.) The bill to correct defects in Indiana's Child Labor Law was worked strenuously, but failed to pass. Amend police matron law. (Never reached the Governor.) Township library privilege. (Passed and signed by Governor.) Ideal Pure Food Bill. (Passed, and to Indiana goes the honor of being the first state to pass the law.")

The committee condemned the bill placing two men on the Woman's Prison Board and on the Girls' Industrial School Board for political plums. "Indiana has long been a bright light to all the world in her State Charity and penal institutions for women."

DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

Mrs. S. E. Perkins, chairman of the Press Committee, said: "I do not believe the Federation idea will ever strongly dominate Indiana until we have clubs builded on Federation lines, strong, progressive and for business." Consequently the committee was increased from 7 to 13, thus giving each district a representative. This district representation now is one of the strongest links in our Federation chain.

Among those addressing the convention were Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Miss Mary E. Dickson, Miss Katherine D. McIlvaine, Mr. Mc. Phetridge, Mrs. T. A. Stuart, Dr. Martha Griffith, Dr. Rebecca Rogers George, and Dr. Jessie C. Calvin. Mrs. O. P. Kinsey and Mrs. E. E. Mummert led a discussion from the floor on methods of club work.

Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, Honorary President of the General Federation, was a guest and spoke on "The Responsibility of Club Women Toward the Dependent Girls of the State." "The Club Woman's Responsibility in the Community," was presented by Miss Helen Varick Boswell, chairman of the Industrial and Child Labor Committee of the General Federation.

Richmond extended an invitation to hold the next meeting in that city, which was accepted. Mrs. Richard Elbel of the local committee said in her report: "We should like to speak a word in favor of continuing the present plan of meeting occasionally at other points than our capital city . . . it enables the clubs of many smaller places to enter fully into the real knowledge of Federation work."

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions presented by the committee, Mrs. J. Frank Meeker, chairman, favored the placing of one woman on every school board in Indiana; endorsed the work of the Parents and Teachers Clubs; enforcement of the cigarette law; a movement for the patriotic celebration of the Fourth of July; complete system of manual training and domestic science in our public schools; opposed bill to place a stated number of men on the Boards of the Indiana Girls' School and the Woman's Prison at Indianapolis.

The committee asked each club to devote one day to study home sanitation; give our moral support to the cause of the dependent girls of the state; urged legislation that will give women the franchise on school questions; work for medical inspection in the schools; assist in sale of Red Cross stamps; endeavor to secure local or county sanitariums; work for strict enforcement of the laws of hygiene; insist upon enforcement of juvenile court laws; ask clubs to care for destitute families; ask for enforcement of sanitary laws, better buildings and improved conditions in tenement housing; endorsed the work of vacation schools, and insisted upon establishment of more open-air schools.

Aside from the tea given by the two hostess clubs, there was a reception at the home of Mrs. Martin V. Beiger of Mishawaka, and an automobile excursion to Notre Dame and St. Marys, followed by a tea at the home of Mrs. John Studebaker—"Sunnyside."

Miss Sabra Ann Fralick, State Federation Secretary, reported an increase in the number of clubs belonging to GFWC. January 1, 1908, there were 16 clubs. One year later there were 38, and October 27, 1909, the number was 45. Of these 45 clubs, 2,050 members are active and 449 associate.

Miss Clementine Weisert, Corresponding Secretary, reported that 20 clubs came into the Federation during the year, with two withdrawals.

From Mrs. Ryell T. Miller, chairman of the Credential Committee, we find there was a total registration of 380; 137 clubs sent delegates; 57 towns and 44 counties were represented. The 13th district, which was the hostess district, had 39 votes from 17 clubs, 12 towns. Twelfth district was the next largest with 27 votes, 16 clubs and 8 towns.

With the report of the Election Board, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, President, the Third Annual Convention of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs came to an end.



Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF CLUBS
Fourth Annual Convention
RICHMOND, 1910

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS
Fifth Annual Convention
INDIANAPOLIS, 1911

PRESIDENT
MRS. GRACE JULIAN CLARKE, INDIANAPOLIS

Grace Giddings Julian Clarke was born September 11, 1865, at Centerville, Wayne County, Indiana, the daughter of George W. and Laura Giddings Julian. Mr. Julian served in Congress twelve years. Mrs. Julian was the daughter of Joshua Giddings of Jefferson, Ohio, who was a member of Congress twenty-one years. Through Mr. Julian's mother, Rebecca Hoover, Mrs. Clarke was related to former President Herbert Hoover.

As a child, Mrs. Clarke lived in Washington, D. C., in sight of the Capitol. Among the friends of her parents were Charles Sumner and Wendell Phillips. After Mr. Julian's retirement from Congress, he built the house at 115 S. Audubon Road, Irvington, and brought his family there in November, 1873. This house remained the home of Mrs. Clarke throughout the remainder of her life.

Here in Irvington Mrs. Clarke was educated, attending the first public school opened in Irvington. She and her brother played on the foundations of the new Butler College as it was being built, and here later she took her college work, graduating in 1884 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. In 1885 she received her Master of Philosophy degree at Butler also. After college Mrs. Clarke continued her literary study as a member of Catharine Merrill's Thursday Afternoon Class, a famous study group in earlier Indianapolis life.

Mrs. Julian died when Mrs. Clarke was eighteen years of age. She became her father's amanuensis and constant companion, so continuing until his death, in 1899. In 1885 she accompanied her father to Santa Fe, where they lived four years during Mr. Julian's term as Surveyor-General of the Territory of New Mexico under appointment of President Cleveland. In 1887 she married her father's associate, Mr. Charles B. Clarke.

In 1892 Mrs. Clarke founded the Irvington Woman's Club at her residence. While President of this club she organized the Seventh District Indiana Federation of Clubs at the Downey Avenue Christian Church on May 25, 1909. In June, 1937, the District unveiled a bronze marker on the site.

From 1909 to 1911 she was President of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs. From 1912 to 1916, under the presidency of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Mrs. Clarke was a member of the General Federation Board, representing six midwestern states and served as National Press Chairman.

She was an officer of the Indiana Woman's Franchise League, doing much public speaking on woman's suffrage and never relaxing her efforts until the women received the vote. She was also President of the Local Council of Women.

For eighteen years Mrs. Clarke wrote a weekly column for the "Indianapolis Star," and for one year during that time she edited a Woman's Page in this paper. During the World War she traveled frequently throughout Indiana, giving "14-minute talks," for the Liberty Loan.

Under appointment of President Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Clarke was head of Indianapolis' first employment office. This was maintained in the Federal Building and here she observed regular office hours for many months. She was a former member of the zoning commission. During earlier years she worked regularly at the polls upon election day. She helped to choose the list of great authors whose names are

carved on the outer frieze of the Indianapolis Public Library. In 1912 she led Irvington in celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding, climaxing the week of festivities with a reception in her home, attended by hundreds of people.

Mrs. Clarke had a marked literary gift. She was the author of the life of her father entitled, "George W. Julian," which is Vol. 1 in the Indiana biographical series published by the Indiana Historical Commission in 1923. In 1889 she arranged and edited a volume of her father's addresses, entitled "Later Speeches." She spent two extended periods abroad.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Clarke was intensely loyal to the people and interests of Irvington, calling as long as possible upon the new families moving into Irvington and attending the funerals of the older residents.

On May 5, 1936, the Irvington Union of Clubs gave a public dinner in her honor, which was attended by several hundred persons. Messages came from Mrs. Louis Ludlow and Mrs. Pennybacker.

Mrs. Clarke was a member of the Unitarian Church, the Society of Indiana Pioneers, the Indiana Historical Society, the Indianapolis Woman's Club and an honorary member of the Irvington Woman's Club, which recently gave several volumes to the Indianapolis Public Library in her honor. Mrs. Clarke passed away June 18, 1938.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana State Federation of Clubs

RICHMOND, OCTOBER 25, 26, 27, 1910

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis.
First Vice President, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
Second Vice President, Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. Frank Meeker, Crown Point.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
General Federation Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.
Treasurer, Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Springville.
Auditor, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.

Directors

Mrs. William Conrad, Warsaw, Chairman.
Mrs. Rose W. Carter, Seymour.
Mrs. Rose M. Clark, Winona.
Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Terre Haute.
Mrs. S. A. Hays, Greencastle.
Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington.
Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.
Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne.

District Chairmen

1. Mrs. Katharine B. Daniels, Evansville.
2. Mrs. Charles McCord, Vincennes.
3. Mrs. Lillie H. Smith, New Albany.
4. Miss Ada F. Fitch, Lawrenceburg.
5. Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.
6. Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville.
7. Mrs. D. C. Brown, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. J. P. Goodrich, Winchester.
9. Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.
10. Mrs. Edith B. Griffin, Hammond.
11. Miss Alice Dunlap, Peru.
12. Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Auburn.
13. Mrs. Phoebe C. Willey, Plymouth.

Parliamentarian

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

Chairmen Standing Committees

Art—Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond.

Civics—Mrs. L. J. Cox, Terre Haute.

Civil Service—Miss Katherine D. McIlvaine, Vincennes.

Education—Miss Georgie Mitchausson, Bedford.

Forestry and Waterways—Mrs. Virginia S. Patterson, Kokomo.

Health—Dr. Martha H. Griffith, Crawfordsville.

Household Economics and Food Sanitation—Mrs. J. G. Ibach,
Richmond.

Industrial and Child Labor—Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Indianapolis.

Legislative—Mrs. Winfield Scott Johnson, Indianapolis.

Library Extension—Mrs. James V. Mitchell, Martinsville.

Literature—Mrs. J. R. Miller, Greencastle.

Music—Mrs. Anna Siboni Ruhland, Fort Wayne.

Press—Mrs. Edwin Knapp, Winona.

Program—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.

Reciprocity—Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.

Business Committees

Badge and Pin—Mrs. John F. Mitchell, Greenfield.

Credential—Miss Sabra Ann Fralick, South Bend.

Election Board—Mrs. A. D. Davis, Brazil.

Resolutions—Mrs. R. L. O'Hair, Greencastle.

Time and Place—Mrs. H. J. Martin, Franklin.

Biennial Arrangements—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.

“On assuming the presidency of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs in 1909,” writes Mrs. Clarke, “I was conscious that it was still necessary for the newly consolidated organization to ‘watch its step.’”

Mrs. Kinsey told me so. I had been Vice President during her second term (there was only one Vice President then), and had gone about with her frequently to club gatherings in various parts of the State, observing her tactful handling of delicate situations. Mrs. Major, who succeeded Mrs. Kinsey, was an invalid during the entire year of her presidency, and everyone endeavored to smooth her way and lighten her burdens. She was a woman of gracious personality, conscientious in the performance of club duties, and she and Mrs. Kinsey always worked hand-in-glove in furthering the interests of the Federation. Mrs. Major attended the annual convention at South Bend where she presided, but I think did not appear publicly after that. She had been Recording Secretary of the Federation during Mrs. Kinsey's two terms and had held the same office in the Indiana Union.

"I was especially fortunate in having remarkably able support through both my terms, the Vice Presidents for 1909-10 being Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith of Cambridge City, and Mrs. Frank L. Saylor of Elwood, both of them former Presidents of the Indiana Union, and for 1910-1911 Mrs. O. P. Kinsey of Valparaiso, and Mrs. Lewis J. Cox of Terre Haute. I was proud to be associated with them all. And I am sure there never were more faithful and efficient secretaries than Mrs. Edwin A. Knapp of Winona Lake, afterwards Press Chairman of the General Federation, and Miss Vida Newsom of Columbus, then new in Federation work, but destined to become President of the State organization and prominent in the national body."

The fourth annual convention of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs was held October 25, 26, 27, 1910, in the auditorium of the High School, Richmond. Mrs. Allen D. Hole extended greetings to the Convention from the State Federated Clubs of Richmond, which acted as hostesses.

Hon. William Dudley Foulke gave the address of welcome. The response was given by Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, First Vice President of the Indiana State Federation. Mrs. Meredith, twice President of the Indiana Union, said in closing: "Twenty-one years ago in this city was accomplished the first organization of the clubs of the State; of any State, indeed. . . . We recognize more clearly than we did, even ten years ago, that the changes we seek to have made are so radical that they must be made slowly. We recognize that the mighty force adequate for the betterment of childhood is the love and devotion overflowing from the domestic circle to the community. Therefore, we meet in annual convention to counsel together and to encourage each other."

"It was just as inevitable that clubs should outgrow the old self-culture idea as it was that that motive should be their starting point," said Mrs. Clarke in her address to the Convention, "not because the members had acquired or absorbed all the culture there was, but because their eyes were turned towards the conditions that surrounded

them and seeing these conditions so far from ideal, they, being women, could not rest content. . . . It is only as clubs discard the idea of self-culture as their sole aim that their members realize the fullest expression of themselves. It was when woman began not merely to look with pitying glances upon her less fortunate sisters and upon little children cheated of life's due, but when she saw that these were largely the victims of conditions for which she was partly responsible, that she first appeared in her true womanliness . . . we know that child labor, the white slave traffic, intemperance, unjust social conditions, war, these and other great evils will, through consecrated human endeavor, become things of the past."

At the close of this opening session the Woman's Club of New Harmony, Indiana, presented the Federation with a picture of the Constance Fauntleroy home in New Harmony, the birthplace of the Minerva Club, September 20, 1859.

"I like to remember that it was at the Richmond Convention of 1910," writes Mrs. Clarke, "that the 'Collect for Club Women,' was introduced in Indiana and was a part of each day's program. I had seen this a short time before in the year book of the Michigan Federation, had asked permission to use it, and it has appeared in all our year books since."

COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward, and unafraid.

Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene and gentle.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences; that in the big things of life we are as one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great common woman's heart of us all, and O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

—Mary Stewart.

This beautiful prayer, written by Mary Stewart, is now universally used by many groups of various kinds.

The report of the President showed that she had attended nine of the ten district meetings held during the year, she had made twenty visits to individual clubs in different parts of the state, and written close to a thousand letters and post cards. Mrs. Clarke attended the Cincinnati Biennial of the General Federation and says: ". . . I was proud of Indiana women, and especially enjoyed the ovation given

to the Chairman of the Household Economics Committee, our own Mrs. Guldlin. I would also take this opportunity of referring to the splendid record made by Mrs. Kinsey as a member of the General Federation Board of Directors. She has given Indiana a place second to none among club women throughout the country, thus adding to the debt we already owed her for wise leadership here at home."

Among the recommendations of the President adopted at the Convention was condensing the Standing Committees into three departments of work, as follows:

Education, comprising Art, Music, Library, Literature, Reciprocity, Press and Parent-Teacher Associations.

Conservation, comprising Civics, Household Economics, Health, Food Sanitation, Forestry and Waterways, Industrial and Social Conditions, and the Merit System.

Legislative, to take charge of such measures as the Federation decides actively to work for.

And this custom was followed for thirteen or fourteen years thereafter.

INDIANA FEDERATION HISTORY

"It was decided at Richmond on recommendation of the President, that a history of the Indiana Federation be prepared, which should 'include brief accounts of the two organizations of which this is the outgrowth.' I think it well," writes Mrs. Clarke, "that this was not rushed to completion, as new material is all the while coming to light and the work is destined to be of interest and importance." (As the years pass and new facts come to light concerning the Federation of Indiana, it is hoped that Volume II may be published and be more comprehensive than this history to the close of the 1937 club year.)

CHANGE OF NAME TO INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

"Also on the President's recommendation the word 'State' was dropped from our name, and we have since been known by the short term, Indiana Federation of Clubs," continues Mrs. Clarke. "Mrs. Rohbock quietly opposed this, remembering the unpleasantness resulting from leaving out the word 'Women's' at the time of the consolidation (1906). Perhaps I forgot for the moment Mrs. Kinsey's example of tactful dealing, but there was no open opposition to further shortening the name and the change was made, wisely, I think.

INDIANA MAP BY DISTRICTS

"We did much at Richmond! I realize in these days of big and important achievements our accomplishments may appear meager, but it seems to me the seed there planted has brought forth some worthy harvests. We decided to insert in our year book a map of Indiana showing Congressional districts, and to use our influence

Among the honored guests attending the Convention we find the names of Mrs. Addison F. Broomhall, Troy, Ohio, President of the Ohio Federation of Clubs; Mrs. James A. Leech, Louisville, Kentucky, President of the Kentucky Federation, and Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, Indianapolis, who was the third President of the Indiana Union. Greetings were read from the Presidents of the Federation in Oregon, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.

At the close of the Convention Mrs. Leech presented to the Richmond High School two ivy plants, one from Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, and the other from the old church at Jamestown, Virginia. Mrs. Clarke speaks of Mrs. Leech as "... a typical example of southern culture, eloquence and charm. I had presented Mrs. Leech with her first 'Votes for Women' button at the Cincinnati Biennial in the preceding May, and our wearing those buttons as we sat in the same box at Cincinnati occasioned much comment, chiefly favorable, I think. Although the Indiana Federation had not yet endorsed woman suffrage, I took occasion to air my views on the subject frequently and could see that sentiment was growing in the right direction."

Mrs. J. G. Ibach, Chairman of the Home Economics and Food Sanitation Committee, said: "At least fifty of our cities have introduced Domestic Science in their public schools; in some instances this has been brought about by the cooperation of the clubs with school authorities." Miss Isabel Bevier, Urbana, Illinois, Dean of Domestic Science of the University of Illinois, spoke on the subject, "Home Economics and the Home."

Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, Chairman of the Household Economics Department in GFWC, presented Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, who gave an address, "The Housing Problem in Indiana." Mrs. Clarke says of Mrs. Bacon, "Mrs. Bacon, who has been waging a valiant but up-hill battle in the Indiana Legislature for housing reform, also first appeared before us at the Richmond Convention and so appealed to our sympathy and conscience that we immediately enlisted under her banner and helped keep it flying 'til success was achieved."

The author wishes it were possible to give Mrs. Bacon's entire address as shown in the year book of 1910-11. From this address we can but take a few pertinent excerpts. "For a number of years we had been hearing about the slums of New York and Chicago. Jacob Riis made the country ring with tales of the tenements, and of 'How the Other Half Lives.' They were tales of terror and horror, and we listened to them, out here in our roomy states, and thanked our stars that we didn't have slums. We knew we had plenty of poor folks, and they lived in miserable old houses, but we were glad they were not slums.

"Then, all of a sudden, we waked to the fact that, for our age and

size, we were just as bad as New York City, and had all her housing evils, except congestion. We brought Jacob Riis and Lawrence Veiller to look at our wretched alley hovels, at our rows of shacks, and they pronounced them to be the real thing. They confirmed us in our belief that we had a housing problem, and said that we were right in thinking that slums are not a matter of size, that they are civic cancers, and deadly even though small. . . . We began the investigation over the state because, as you know, investigation of facts must be the first step in any reform. We found facts enough, sad and startling. With all our work the bill was finally passed; but instead of applying to all the cities and towns, as it was drafted to do, it was cut down to only Evansville and Indianapolis."

Is it any wonder that the women of the state flocked under Mrs. Bacon's banner? They worked to have this bill changed to cover all the cities of Indiana, and were eventually successful. (Again in 1936 we find the women working to save this bill, which was brought up through the help of the Marion County Clubwomen and architects.)

Mrs. Frederick G. Balz speaks of Mrs. Bacon as follows: "Albion Fellows Bacon, sister to Anna Fellows Johnson, crusader for housing reforms in Indiana, 'who remembered those whom others forget,' the very essence of herself is in this prayer from her pen:

THE TORCH

Make me a torch for feet that grope
Down truth's dim trail; to bear with wistful eyes
Comfort of light; to bid great beacons blaze
And kindle altar fires of sacrifice.
Let me set souls aflame with quenchless zeal
For great endeavour, causes true and high—
So would I live to quicken and inspire,
So would I thus consumed, burn out and die.

Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Chairman of the Art Committee, reported on the Indiana Circuit Art Exhibition, and plans were discussed for the Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibit. Miss Elizabeth Overbeck, of Cambridge City, talked on "Pottery," and illustrated her talk with patterns of her own make.

Miss Georgie Mitchausson, Bedford, Chairman of the Education Committee, stated that statistics based upon the census of 1900 showed that in total illiteracy, Indiana stood fourteenth.

LOAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND—EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

"The establishment of the Loan Scholarship Fund was decided upon at Richmond," says Mrs. Clarke, "on the recommendation of Miss Mitchausson . . . strongly supported by Mrs. Edwin A. Knapp of Winona Lake, a woman whose brain was fairly teeming with pro-

gressing ideas. The name afterwards changed to 'Educational Loan Fund,' which is quite distinct from the 'Student Loan Fund,' established later and owned by various units of the Indiana Federation." (See Special Projects.)

Many prominent speakers were on the program, among them being Edw. N. Clopper of the Ohio Valley National Child Labor Committee; The Rev. Frank C. C. Wicks, Indianapolis; Prof. C. N. Kendall, Superintendent of the Indianapolis Schools.

From the business sessions we find Mrs. Wm. Conrad, Warsaw, was made Chairman of the Board, but being ill, late in the year Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Terre Haute, was appointed by Mrs. Conrad to act in her stead. Forty clubs came into the Federation during the year, and there were six withdrawals. The holding of a three-day Woman's Congress at Winona Lake under the auspices of the Winona Woman's Club, during the late summer. The announcement that the Fifth Annual Convention would be held in Indianapolis on October 24, 25, 26, 1911.

The report of the General Federation Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville, showed that 15 new clubs had joined the General Federation. That Indiana tied with Kentucky in the number of clubs received in the General Federation between the Boston and Cincinnati Biennials, 21 respectively. Mrs. Major said that January 1, 1908, there were 16 clubs, and less than three years later there were 60, with a total active membership of 2,532.

The Credential Committee, Miss Anna Fralick, Chairman, reported a total registration of 318. Sixth District had the greatest number of delegates and alternates, 47, with Seventh District second, with 40. Seventh District also had the greatest number of club members with 1,270 from 28 clubs, with Twelfth District second with 1,166 from 22 clubs.

After the report of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville, was given, and it was found there were no nominations from the floor, the Recording Secretary was authorized to cast the ballot for the entire Convention for the officers named, with Mrs. Clarke heading the list as President.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions presented endorsed the work of the State Board of Health; favored the recommendation of the GFWC that a separate Department of Education be established in the National Government; favored the placing in our homes only those publications containing news not objectionable. They approved Vocational Training in all grades and the establishment of Trade Schools in our State; recommended that steps be taken to secure appointment of Boards of Children's Guardians in all counties where there are no such Boards; favored the world-wide movement for the substitution of the system

of law for the system of war. They urged the use of safety devices, better inspection service in mines, mills, factories and railroads, and a system of workingmen's compensation for losses by accident. Urged a law to prohibit white slave traffic, compulsory education law, double factory inspections with half of the inspectors women. They recommended a Traveling Library Department and a State Library Building.

"The tie between Indiana and the General Federation," continues Mrs. Clarke, "was steadily growing stronger, Mrs. Kinsey's membership on the Board of Directors of the latter organization having been of inestimable help in this direction. We had probably been the cause of more trouble to the National body than any other State, first, because for years our Indiana Union of Literary Clubs with its men members presented a recurring and apparently insoluble problem, and more recently because of . . . the difficulties attending the consolidation of the two State organizations."

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 1911

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Irvington, Indianapolis.
First Vice President, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.
Second Vice President, Mrs. Lewis J. Cox, Terre Haute.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Edwin A. Knapp, Winona Lake.
Corresponding Secretary, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
General Federation Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville.
Treasurer, Mrs. G. C. Markle, Winchester.
Auditor, Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington.

District Chairmen

1. Mrs. Virginia Reed, Evansville.
2. Mrs. Joseph R. Voris, Bedford.
3. Mrs. Newton H. Myers, Jeffersonville.
4. Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.
5. Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.
6. Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville.
7. Mrs. Demarchus C. Brown, Irvington.
8. Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Winchester.
9. Mrs. Hugh Kingery, Crawfordsville.
10. Mrs. Howell V. Parry, Crown Point.
11. Mrs. John Kenower, Huntington.
12. Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Fort Wayne.
13. Mrs. Richard Elbel, South Bend.

Business Committee Chairmen

Badge and Pin, Mrs. John F. Mitchell, Greenfield.
 Credential, Mrs. Eva Perry, Westfield.
 Election Board, Mrs. Harriet Conlogue Maloney, Albion.
 Resolutions, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

Chairmen Departments of Work

Conservation, Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Terre Haute.
 Civics, Mrs. J. W. Caswell, Huntington.
 Civil Service, Miss Katherine D. Melvaine, Vincennes.
 Health, Dr. Martha H. Griffith, Crawfordsville.
 Household Economics and Food Sanitation, Miss Mary Matthews, Cambridge City.
 Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Indianapolis.
 Education, Mrs. Charles P. Drummond, South Bend.
 Art, Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond.
 Library Extension, Mrs. James V. Mitchell, Martinsville.
 Literature, Mrs. John R. Mitchell, Greencastle.
 Loan Scholarship Fund, Miss Georgie Mitchausson, Bedford.
 Music, Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis.
 Parent-Teacher Clubs, Mrs. Rose W. Carter, Seymour.
 Reciprocity, Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.
 Press, Mrs. Houton C. Frazer, Warsaw.
 Legislative, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville.

"The Annual Convention of 1911 was undoubtedly the most brilliant up to that time, says Mrs. Clarke. The opening session, held in the hall of the House of Representatives, was followed by a reception given by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce in the Governor's parlors."

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Chairman of the Seventh District, presided during this opening session. Addresses of welcome were given by the Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, Governor of Indiana; the Hon. Cassius C. Hadley, President of the Commercial Club of Indianapolis, and Mrs. McWhirter. The First Vice President, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, responded to the greetings.

We have a detailed report of this 1911 Convention written by the mother of Mrs. Gertrude H. Cregor, Mrs. Peter J. Horn, and sent to Mrs. Balz but recently. Mrs. Cregor says: "I have copied the report . . . written on stationery of the Claypool Hotel (lovely cut of the hotel with four teams of horses, two short streetcars, one horseless carriage.) Mother has a quotation from or a comment on every part of the Convention, even to Governor Marshall's remark that he preferred ' . . . to call the women of the Federation typical rather than representative women . . . that he does not have much faith in man-

kind, but has the utmost confidence in upright women, and so long as they do their duty man will be right."

"What Today Calls For," was the subject of an address by Miss Helen Varick Boswell, New York. It was Miss Boswell whom President Theodore Roosevelt engaged to go to the Panama Canal Zone to establish women's clubs that the wives of engineers and workmen might be satisfied to remain there with their husbands. Great difficulty had been experienced in keeping the men in this region, as their wives refused to stay in the desolate country with their children. She organized so well as to help make this great undertaking of the nation's a success.

Miss Boswell was followed by the address of the President, "Signs of Promise." She said in closing: "We cannot avail much alone—we do not expect to. But some of us have glimpsed a future that inspires us with renewed courage and hope. In the battles yet to be fought we women are to have a part. Men will reach out their hands to us, once they recognize our earnest purpose, and together we shall make Indiana, first not only in the high character of her institutions but first in the lofty aims and splendid quality of her citizenship."

The following morning was given over to reports of the various Committee Chairmen and officers. Mrs. Clarke reported she had visited 56 of the 92 counties and was at least once in each of the thirteen Congressional Districts. She also attended eight of the eleven District meetings held. The Riley birthday celebration, which resulted in an almost nation-wide observance, was inaugurated by the Federation.

"Mention should be made of the Club Woman's Congress at Winona Lake, July 11-13," says Mrs. Clarke. "This was held under the auspices of the Winona Woman's Club, was attended by several hundred club women from different parts of the State, and was a delightful and memorable affair. The first day was devoted to Household Economics, with Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, Chairman of the Home Economics Department of the GFWC, as the principal speaker, and there was lively discussion. In the evening a reception was given by the Winona club women, and the next day Mrs. Bacon, of Evansville, gave us 'A Tale of the Tenements,' followed by many questions and arousing renewed interest in housing reform. The third day we were guests of the Thirteenth District at its annual convention and listened to an interesting program, chiefly relating to civics. I have visions of Mrs. E. B. Rohbock of Wabash, Mrs. E. B. Hyatt of Washington, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl of Connersville, Mrs. McWhirter and Miss Newsom as my fellow guests at Mrs. Knapp's house-party during those busy days, and I am sure they all spoke at some of the sessions, but details do not come to me. So inspiring was this mid-summer gathering that the President of the Indiana Federation recommended at the Indianapolis Convention three months later, that it be made an annual affair, which I think has been done.

Briefly Mrs. Clarke has written of the activities during the year. "The housing bill had not yet been adopted by the Legislature, but we were still holding up Mrs. Bacon's hands and the prospect looked brighter. The Federation had taken hold of the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals with vigor, and had published a pamphlet setting forth the dangers from tuberculosis and how to combat them. Our Indiana Artists' traveling exhibition, a subject first broached at the Richmond Convention was being arranged by the Chairman of our Art Committee, Mrs. M. F. Johnston. The Loan Scholarship Fund was growing, more libraries were being established through the efforts of club women, and the Congressional Districts were all organized, with one exception. The Press Committee, which had been enlarged directly after the Richmond Convention, proceeded to enlist the services of Club Federation Secretaries in correlating State news with club items of local interest, and also to instruct them how to present club news in a 'newsy, readable manner, well-written and to the point.'"

INDIANAPOLIS STAR'S CLUB DEPARTMENT

"Among the outside speakers at this Convention were Zona Gale, whose 'Friendship Village' we had all been enjoying; Mrs. Frances Squire Potter, head of the Literature Department in the University of Minnesota and of the same Department in the GFWC; Prof. W. W. Wirt of Gary, then at the height of his fame as an educator. The program of this Convention had been well advertised for weeks beforehand, and shortly afterwards the 'Indianapolis Star' established a Club Department, the first such venture in an Indiana daily paper."

There were addresses by Dr. J. N. Hurty and Dr. Amelia Keller, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, of Evansville; Mrs. Henrietta W. Calvin, head of the Home Economics Department of Purdue University, led the discussion following the report of the Household Economics and Food Sanitation Committee, Miss Mary Matthews, Cambridge City, Chairman. Miss Helen V. Boswell, of New York, discussed "Industrial and Social Conditions," following the report of the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Indianapolis. Mrs. Charles Carroll Brown and Miss Anna Brockhausen, of Indianapolis, discussed the Parent-Teacher organization.

MEMBERSHIP

From the business sessions we find the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, reporting the addition of 61 new clubs, representing 3,000 women. This brings the total number of clubs to 283 with a membership of 12,000. The Seventh District has the largest total membership with 2,661, and Thirteenth District second largest with 1,124. The First District, with 268 members, is the smallest reported. The Tenth District showed the largest gain in new clubs since the last Convention, of 10.

Mrs. W. S. Major, General Federation Secretary from Indiana, resigned, due to ill health, and Miss Vida Newsom of Columbus was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT

Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond, Chairman of the Art Department, reported a collection of 30 paintings by Indiana artists and named "The Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibition," had been exhibited in Greencastle, Seymour, Marion, Peru, South Bend, Valparaiso, Logansport, Auburn, Tipton, Crawfordsville and Connersville, and the results were most gratifying.

With a total registration of 641, as reported by the Credential Committee, Mrs. W. A. Perry, Westfield, Chairman, we find the hostess District, Seventh, with the largest number of delegates, 74, and the Sixth District with 52.

The Balloting Committee, Mrs. E. B. Rohbock, Wabash, Director, reported three contestants for each of the eight offices. The three names presented for President were Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Mrs. O. N. Guldlin and Mrs. E. G. Eberhardt. The delegates also voted for the thirteen District Chairmen and 22 delegates to the Biennial Convention of the GFWC to be held in San Francisco in 1912. The result of the election showed that Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, was elected President to succeed Mrs. Clarke.

Fort Wayne extended an invitation to the Convention to meet October 22, 23 and 24, 1912, in their city, which was accepted.

A letter from Mrs. Rachel Fauntleroy, one of the charter members of the Minerva Club, was read.

New Harmony, Ind., October 23, 1911.

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke,
President Indiana Federation of Clubs,
Indianapolis, Ind.
My dear Mrs. Clarke:

It is with great pleasure I send you and the club women of Indiana my greetings and my regrets that I cannot be with you at this triumph of woman's perseverance.

When I think away back to the beginning of the Woman's Club organization in New Harmony, September 20, 1859, and see now the army of women, not only working for self-culture, but for the uplift of the whole of woman-kind, I rejoice that I was one of the original thirteen who wanted to do something worth while.

Of that thirteen there are four of us living, Mrs. Della (Mann) Owen, Mrs. Anna (Owen) Crawford, Miss Lydia Henckley and myself.

We are getting old, but still retain our interest in the work.

Wishing that the good work may still go on, I remain,

Sincerely,

Rachel Fauntleroy.

(At this time it was thought that the Minerva Club was the oldest club in the United States, but we now know of three older in our own State.)

Two presentations of gavels were made during the sessions. "The Minerva Gavel," made from wood taken from the Old Fauntleroy Home at New Harmony, was presented by Mrs. Emma Wolfe, President of the Woman's Library Club of that little village. The wood was taken from the home and given by Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, then owner of the property, to the Woman's Library Club, which had the gavel made.

From the 1911-12 year book we take the following: "As a legacy to the Indiana Federation, Mrs. Clarke had had made a gavel from wood from the old Constitution elm tree at Corydon, Indiana's first capital, where the State's first Constitution was drafted, to be awarded each year to the Chairman whose District reports the greatest acquisition of new clubs to the Federation during the year. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Edwin A. Knapp, Recording Secretary, the successful Chairman being Mrs. Howell V. Parry of the Tenth District. Her District showed a gain of ten clubs." It would, indeed, be interesting to learn where these two gavels now are.



Luella F. McWhirter

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Sixth Annual Convention

FORT WAYNE, 1912

Seventh Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1913

PRESIDENT

LUELLA F. McWHIRTER (MRS. FELIX T.), INDIANAPOLIS

Mrs. McWhirter (Luella Frances Smith), was born at Perrysville, Vermillion County, Indiana. Her father, the Rev. Hezekiah Smith, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Miss Smith was edu-

cated at Tennessee Wesleyan and DePauw University. Married, when quite young, to Felix T. McWhirter of Athens, Tennessee, where they established their first home. Later they lived in Greencastle, Indiana, where Mr. McWhirter was a member of DePauw University. It was also to DePauw that three of their four children went—one attending Vassar College.

The family then moved to Indianapolis, where Mr. McWhirter founded and was President of the Peoples State Bank until his death in 1915. Here in Indianapolis, Mrs. McWhirter is known for her many activities. First is her interest in the home, then her church claims much of her time, and she works for every enterprise which means the enriching of the community, physically, culturally or spiritually.

Before her election to the presidency of the Indiana Federation she had served as President of the Woman's Research Club. She was active in the Present Day Club, the Art Association of Indianapolis, Woman's Press Club of Indiana, of which she is a charter member. Mrs. McWhirter is also a charter member of the Indiana Branch of the League of American Pen Women and has served as the State Vice President. She has served as President of the Indiana W. C. T. U., from 1896 to 1900, serving as editor of "The Message," from 1897 to 1912. By appointment of the Governor she represented Indiana in the Congress of Mothers at Washington in 1908, and served as the first Director from Indiana of the National Congress of Mothers, 1908-10. She also served as Chairman of the Seventh District of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. While serving in this capacity Mrs. McWhirter worked with Mrs. Bacon for better housing and from that became Indiana's most outstanding, most ardent advocate of better homes. She was a pioneer in the temperance field and was ever a proponent for spiritual and ethical training for the young.

Since her term as President of IFC, we enumerate but a few of her activities; Vice President Indiana Woman's Franchise League; President of the Legislative Council of Women; President of the Indianapolis Department Club; Chairman of the Department of the American Home in the Indiana Federation. In the General Federation, since 1913, Mrs. McWhirter has served as Director four years; as Transportation Chairman, eight years; as Extension Chairman, two years, and as Trustee from 1932 to 1938.

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

First Vice President, Mrs. Lewis J. Cox, Terre Haute.

Second Vice President, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Howell V. Parry, Crown Point.

Treasurer, Mrs. Grant C. Markle, Winchester.

Auditor, Mrs. Rose W. Carter, Seymour.

General Federation Secretary, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.

Delegates to Biennial

Mrs. Grace J. Clarke, Indianapolis.	Mrs. Virgil H. Lookwood, Indianapolis.
Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.	Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
Mrs. W. E. Ochiltree, Connersville.	Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw.
Mrs. Richard Elbel, South Bend.	Mrs. J. P. Goodrich, Winchester.
Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.	Mrs. H. C. Frazer, Warsaw.
Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne.	Mrs. E. B. Rohbock, Wabash.
Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.	Mrs. E. C. Earl, Connersville.
Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.	Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville.
Mrs. W. E. Miller, South Bend.	Miss M. Ridpath, Indianapolis.
Mrs. F. T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.	Mrs. H. C. Durbin, Anderson.
Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington.	Mrs. C. P. Drummond, South Bend.

District Chairmen

1. Mrs. Helen Baumgaertner, Rockport.
2. Mrs. I. C. Price, Linton.
3. Mrs. Newton Myers, Jeffersonville.
4. Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.
5. Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.
6. Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
7. Mrs. M. F. Ault, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. J. H. Morris, Union City.
9. Mrs. J. H. Henry, Ladoga.
10. Mrs. Howell V. Parry, Crown Point.
11. Mrs. John Kenower, Huntington.
12. Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Fort Wayne.
13. Mrs. Richard Elbel, South Bend.

Departments

Conservation, Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Terre Haute.
 Civics, Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw.
 Civil Service Reform, Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Winchester.
 Forestry and Waterways, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dawson, Fort Wayne.
 Health, Dr. Martha H. Griffith, Crawfordsville.
 Household Economics and Food Sanitation, Miss Mary L. Matthews, Cambridge City.
 Housing, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
 Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Indianapolis.
 Education, Mrs. John H. Wood, South Bend.
 Art, Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond.
 Country Life, Mrs. W. O. Smith, Winchester.

Educational Loan Fund, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis.
History, Mrs. A. J. Clarke, Vincennes.
Federation Extension, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
Library Extension, Mrs. Martha B. Goodwin, Brookville.
Literature, Mrs. John R. Miller, Greencastle.
Music, Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis.
Parent-Teacher Clubs, Mrs. W. E. Ochiltree, Connersville.
Press, Mrs. Ella Bagot Connelly, Anderson.
Reciprocity, Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.
Legislation, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville.

Business Committee Chairmen

Badge and Pin, Mrs. John F. Mitchell, Greenfield.
Credential, Mrs. Eva Perry, Westfield.
Election Board, Mrs. Harriet Conlogue Maloney, Albion.
Resolutions, Mrs. E. J. Robison, Indianapolis.
Time and Place, Mrs. Lucie Backman, Aurora.

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

FORT WAYNE, OCTOBER 23, 24, 25, 1912

"THE HOMES OF INDIANA"

The Sixth Annual Convention was held in Fort Wayne in the Anthony Hotel and the First Presbyterian Church.

"When I assumed the presidency of the Indiana Federation of Clubs in 1911," writes Mrs. McWhirter, "it was with a distinct feeling, not only of responsibility, but of opportunity—opportunity to carry out plans that had been forming in my mind during years of activity in club work. Following in the footsteps of such women as Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Mrs. W. S. Major and Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, had its advantages, but also presented a challenge. The groundwork of this new organization, just five years old, was well laid, with its roots in the old Indiana Union of Literary Clubs and the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, of which it was a merger.

"I was most fortunate to be associated with able, efficient officers whose advice and unselfish support and cooperation helped to make possible whatever measure of success we attained. These officers were all women of vision and experience, who graciously shared the official responsibilities. I remember happily our association together. No President ever served with a more agreeable, responsive corps of officers.

"It is with pride and affection that I recall the many outstanding

women who served with me during my administration. I recall the progressive work of Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis (now Los Angeles), State Chairman of Music, who, as a former opera singer, was among the first prominent musicians to appeal for Grand Opera in English; of Mrs. W. E. Ochiltree, Connersville, under whose direction thirty-two Parent-Teacher Clubs were organized over the State; Mrs. Sara Messing Stern, Terre Haute (now Chicago), whose efficiency as State Treasurer, and loyalty to the Federation endeared her to me and to many club women; and of Miss Charity Dye (now dead), beloved Indianapolis teacher, 'brilliant woman of blessed memory,' who, as State Federation Chairman of Education did so much to arouse interest in the history of Indiana and to memorialize the Pioneer Mother.

"I like to think back on one incident of my administration which bore such fruit that now it is a satisfying, inspiring 'dream come true,' the organization of the Woman's Department Club, Indianapolis. On January 11, 1912, in the first year of my State presidency, I invited to my home the following club women of Indianapolis: Mrs. E. J. Robinson, Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Mrs. E. G. Ritchie, Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Mrs. Fletcher Wills and Mrs. F. H. Holt, for the purpose of discussing the formation of a club that would cover many fields of women's activities, including art, social service, music, literature, drama, education, and other lines. The plan was heartily endorsed by this group and by a later group . . . then at a meeting of Club Presidents of the city . . . plans were made for an organization luncheon which was held on February 29, 1912, with an attendance of 600 women. At this luncheon the Woman's Department Club was formally organized.

"When elected State President, I was serving as President of the Seventh District and as Parliamentarian for the Convention, . . . as well as holding offices in many local and State organizations," writes Mrs. McWhirter. "So perhaps, because of my varied experiences, I had a wider vision of the interwoven interests of women than if my activities had been confined to one organization."

In the greeting to the club women of Indiana by Mrs. McWhirter (Year Book 1911-12) we take the following: "Educated, thoughtful women of every community are responsible for the aims and advancement of the people within the radius of their influence. Single-handed the task of impressing better ideals is most difficult. But with a united purpose, kindred and related subjects may have the advantage of club plans and programs while the vital needs of the whole community will have the powerful stimulus and direction of a united sisterhood of educated women."

The minutes say that the council meeting on the first afternoon was, perhaps, the most enthusiastic and successful ever held by the Indiana Federation. Many perplexing questions presented by scores

of club presidents brought forth helpful discussions. It was decided at this Convention, ". . . that the Council Meeting held immediately preceding the State Convention be an open forum on the purpose, plans and scope of the Federation, so that individual clubs should realize the importance of being linked to other clubs of their County, District, State and Nation—by Federation. Emphasis for the first time was given to discussion of special subjects: 'What is the best thing your club has done this year?' 'How can we get something helpful out of the Federation?'" Today the Council Meeting, which is perhaps more informal than any session of the Conventions, draws the largest number of club women bent on gaining knowledge concerning the better working of their individual club problems.

Mrs. McWhirter, in her address to the Convention, spoke on each Department of Work sponsored by the Federation. In closing, she said: "The solidarity of womanhood is becoming more apparent through the great organization of the Federation for their culture, the bettering of conditions in every line of endeavor among children, and the broader opportunities that must accrue. Indiana has become alive to these great issues which have been brought about by the love, sympathy and fellowship of the women of the whole State organized in the Indiana Federation of Clubs. Through the General Federation this union of heart and of endeavor touches every commonwealth of the whole nation."

THE HOMES OF INDIANA

"'The Homes of Indiana,' the slogan adopted by the 1911 Convention, was used as the theme of my administration," says Mrs. McWhirter. "In addressing the 23 District Conventions held in the two years by the 13 Districts, it was my purpose to emphasize how the Federation could stimulate mothers in becoming better homemakers and better citizens by learning to use the power of concerted action and the responsibility of using this power for making the world more homelike and bringing it nearer to God; and that the child went out into the world from an environment over which the mother should wield an influence.

"Our clubs were merging from the strictly cultural pursuits to a dual role of self-culture and community service. Mr. Richard Smith, then managing editor of the 'Indianapolis News,' said, 'Club women are no longer so interested in how to be beautiful, and letters to the lovelorn; they are off the society page and onto the front page.' Later he sent Miss Blanch Foster Boruff, (Bedford) to the District Conventions to report proceedings."

FIRST PRESS BUREAU

"At this time our State Federation did not have a bulletin or magazine and we were realizing the need and value of newspaper publicity in furthering the aims of our organization. Feeling that a Press

Bureau could wield wider influence than the Press Committee, in that it would secure the interest and services of active women writers over the State, we recommended that a representative from each District be appointed to serve on such a Bureau." The members of this first Press Bureau were as follows:

Miss Harriet Henton, Peru, Chairman.	Mrs. George B. Dougan, Richmond.
Mrs. John Haverson, New Albany.	Mrs. G. M. Henderson, Indianapolis.
Mrs. Harry B. Hyatt, Washington.	Miss M. Josie Nelson, Union City.
Mrs. Elbert M. Swan, Rockport.	Mrs. F. C. Abraham, Crawfordsville.
Mrs. Albert N. Crecraft, Franklin.	Mrs. Lucy C. Watson, Wolcott.
Miss Helen Benbridge, Terre Haute.	Mrs. Ethelred N. McQueen, Fort Wayne.
Mrs. Frank C. Lynch, Warsaw.	

"We urged that club reporters be appointed in all clubs, and I secured," writes Mrs. McWhirter, "in the 'Indianapolis News,' a weekly Federation column of which Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville, was first editor. Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke was editor of a similar feature in the 'Indianapolis Star.'"

FIRST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"Seeing the perplexities of the details of the finance of a state-wide organization with all that responsibility placed on the changing treasurers and officers, it was upon my recommendation," says Mrs. McWhirter, "that a board of state trustees was created by the delegate body, to have charge of all financial affairs of the State Federation, including the educational loan fund; all purchases; and letting of contracts for printing, stationery and supplies. The first trustees were elected at the executive meeting immediately following the close of the 1912 convention. They were:

- Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash, (elected for three years.)
- Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City, (elected for two years.)
- Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, (elected for one year.)

(All of whom have now passed away.) Upon the recommendation of these trustees, the 1913 convention authorized the incorporation of the State Federation.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATION

"Working toward closer cooperation among Federation women, I recommended that all state committees include a representative from each of the 13 Districts. . . . Outstanding club women were added who more closely related the individual clubs to the then small State Fed-

eration." (Membership about 12,000.) A new financial plan adopted by most of the Districts included a ten cent per capita membership fee.

Reports of departments of work and committees consumed many hours during the sessions and we give excerpts from but a very few. The History Committee, Mrs. Alice Judah Clarke, Vincennes, chairman, started its work of securing information, documents and relics relating to the early history of our state, and encouraging the study of Indiana History. The securing of data for a club history was also in progress.

The Art Committee, Mrs. Melville F. Johnston, Richmond, chairman, reported the Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibition had been sent to Bluffton, Winchester, Connersville, Seymour, Greencastle, Tipton, Logansport, Gary and Crawfordsville. Now our Hoosier Salon with its traveling exhibit is available to every club in our State and is doing much to foster appreciation for worthwhile art subjects and also creating a market for the artist's work.

GENERAL FEDERATION ENDOWMENT FUND

At the Cincinnati Biennial of the General Federation, the raising of an Endowment Fund amounting to \$100,000 was undertaken, Indiana's quota being \$2,000. The name of the Fund was later changed to "The Sarah S. Platt Decker Memorial Foundation Fund." Each state or person pledging \$500 could name the honored one and as Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville, chairman of the committee, said: "Because Indiana club women . . . love to pay homage to Mrs. Kinsey, who was the first President of the consolidated body and also a member of the General Federation Board when the Endowment Fund was first proposed, the name of Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso, appears on the list. One thousand two hundred dollars was forwarded to the General Federation in 1912 and the balance in Mrs. McWhirter's last administration, October, 1913.

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

When two years ago at the Richmond Convention the Loan Scholarship Fund, later changed to the Educational Loan Fund, was established, it functioned under a special Board of Trustees. At the 1912 Convention the plan was changed and the Board of Trustees abolished in order that all financial matters could be cared for by the newly-elected Board of Trustees of the Federation and the recommendation was passed "That hereafter all money belonging to the Educational Loan Fund be deposited with the Treasurer of the Indiana Federation of Clubs and by her kept separate and distinct from all other Federation funds," was passed.

"The Housing Law," which was to be passed during the year 1913, was reported on by Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon. She said: "The fact that you have taken as your slogan 'The Homes of Indiana,' that you have pledged yourselves to a housing law, and created a housing com-

mittee, proves your interest, and I know that when the women of the Federation undertake a thing, it is as good as done." Every state in the Union was watching Indiana, as we were the first state federation to take up the housing reform.

Miss Mary L. Matthews, Cambridge City, chairman of the Household Economics and Food Sanitation Committee, suggested in her report that the term "Home Economics" be used in place of "Domestic Science" when speaking of work done in schools, colleges or clubs. Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, who had been connected with this work in the GFWC, was in charge of an exhibit at the Public Library.

Speakers during the convention included—Miss Louise Kleine Miller, Curator of School Gardens of Cleveland; Dr. Charles P. Emerson, Dean of the School of Medicine, Indiana University; Prof. Maria L. Sanford, University of Minnesota; Miss Merica Hoagland, Indianapolis; Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells, Los Angeles, who was the first police woman in the United States; The Hon. Henry A. Barnhart, Rochester, and Mr. Demarchus C. Brown, State Librarian, Indianapolis, who spoke on "The Indiana Centennial of 1916."

There were several features of an entertaining nature. The Morning Musical group of Fort Wayne presented a program; the inspection of the new Scottish Rite Cathedral proved interesting; the reception in Minuet Hall by hostess club women, ". . . excelled in brilliancy and appointments anything previously enjoyed by the Federation."

THE FEDERATION SONG—"INDIANA"

"The song 'Indiana' was sung by the chorus of women's voices. This song was the famous poem, 'Indiana,' by Mrs. Sarah T. Bolton, set to music by Fritz Krull, and was adopted as the Federation song." The following is but the first verse from which later (1914) the "Indiana Slogan" was taken:

Tho' many laud Italia's clime
And call Helvetia's land sublime,
Tell Gallia's praise in prose and rhyme,
And worship old Hispania;
The winds of Heaven never fanned,
The circling sunlight never spanned
The borders of a better land
Than our own INDIANA.

During the Biennial Hour, with Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke presiding, Mrs. F. W. Meloy, North Vernon, sang the "Song of Federation," by May Riley Smith.

FIRST GFWC DIRECTOR FROM INDIANA

Mrs. McWhirter writes: "In 1912, there were only fifteen directors of the General Federation, including the general officers, whereas now there is a director from each state besides the general officers. All

were nominated and elected at Biennial Conventions. As a State Federation President attending the 1912 Biennial at San Francisco, it was my pleasure to nominate Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, as Director from the Mississippi Valley States. Our Indiana delegation worked for her election with the result that Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, popular candidate for President, was the only one of fifteen officers and directors to receive as many votes as Mrs. Clarke, who served most creditably as the first General Federation Director from Indiana."

BUSINESS SESSIONS

During the business sessions we see that owing to illness of the incumbents, Mrs. Eva Rohbock, Wabash, was appointed Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, who was Second Vice President, was appointed to act as Recording Secretary and also to see to publishing the Year Book. Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Terre Haute, resigning as Conservation Chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dawson, Fort Wayne, was appointed.

MEMBERSHIP

Fifty-three applications for membership were received representing 2,600 women; 19 clubs had withdrawn, making the total number of clubs 327, with a membership of 14,500. The greatest gains were made by the First and Eleventh Districts, each having 8 new clubs. Because both of the Districts secured the same number of new clubs, the District Gavel was presented to the Eighth District to use during the first half of the year and then to be given to the Eleventh District for the remainder.

Mrs. S. E. Perkins, General Federation Secretary from Indiana, reported 10 new clubs were accepted into membership and there were five subscriptions to the Federation Bulletin.

Mrs. Eva M. Perry, Westfield, chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported a total registration of 431, Seventh District leading with 33 and Eleventh District second with 32.

MRS. McWHIRTER'S NOMINATION

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, in presenting the name of Mrs. McWhirter for reelection to the Presidency, said: "Madam Chairman and Members of the Convention, I claim the privilege and honor and very great pleasure of placing in nomination her whose best eulogy perhaps is this splendid program on which we are now launched, and the spirit pervading this Convention; who as mother, friend and social unity exemplifies, I believe, all that is best in American womanhood." The result showed that Mrs. McWhirter had been elected President for another year.

RESOLUTIONS

Among the resolutions adopted we read: Support the Board of State Charities; endorse Child Welfare Bill; lend aid to the reconstruction of the Juvenile Court, and broaden the scope of the Public School work. They recommended the establishment of a State Art Commission; endorsed the movement for appropriate teaching of sex hygiene in schools and colleges; opposed to ordinance for legalizing social vice, and renewed our pledge to secure a proper Housing Law, as proposed by Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon. An emergency provision was election of Trustees, which read: "This year the Executive Committee shall elect the Trustees of the Indiana Federation of Clubs and shall elect one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years."

Thus closed the 1912 Annual Convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs to hold the next convention in Indianapolis.

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 24, 1913

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.
First Vice President, Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford.
Second Vice President, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Grant C. Markle, Winchester.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne.
Treasurer, Mrs. Leon Stern, Terre Haute.
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Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.
Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis.
(Terms expire 1915, 1914 and 1913 respectively.)
Parliamentarian, Mrs. Robert A. Ogg, Greencastle.
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Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford, Chairman.
1. Mrs. Helen M. Baumgaertner, Rockport.
2. Miss Dorothy Cunningham, Martinsville.
3. Mrs. Claude C. Crum, Jeffersonville.
4. Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.
5. Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.

6. Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
7. Mrs. M. F. Ault, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. John H. Morris, Union City.
9. Mrs. J. M. Henry, Ladoga.
10. Mrs. Frank M. Ross, Kentland.
11. Mrs. F. M. Stutesman, Peru.
12. Mrs. C. L. Souder, Columbia City.
13. Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw.

Business Committees

Badge and Pin, Mrs. Lillian L. Suddoth, Mt. Vernon.
 Credential, Mrs. Henry Riesenberg, Indianapolis.
 Election Board, Mrs. J. J. Backman, Aurora.
 Resolutions, Mrs. E. J. Robison, Indianapolis.
 Time and Place, Mrs. Will Hough, Greenfield.

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 Library Extension, Mrs. Martha S. Goodwin, Brookville.
 Literature, Mrs. John R. Miller, Greencastle.
 Music, Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis.
 Parent-Teacher Clubs, Mrs. John P. Kenower, Huntington.
 Industrial and Agricultural Education, Mrs. Winfield Scott Johnson, Indianapolis.
 Press, Miss Harriet Henton, Peru.
 Reciprocity, Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.

CONSERVATION

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Dawson, Fort Wayne, Chairman.
 Civics, Mrs. Edward M. Wilson, Fort Wayne.
 Civil Service Reform, Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Winchester.
 Forestry and Waterways, Mrs. Robert Greenwood, Connersville.
 Health, Dr. Rebecca Rogers George, Indianapolis.
 Household Economics, Mrs. H. E. Barnard, Indianapolis.
 Housing, Mrs. Albion F. Bacon, Evansville.
 Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. S. E. Stimson, Terre Haute.
 State Charities, Mrs. Robert H. Strong, Indianapolis.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Connersville, Chairman.

The Seventh Annual Convention was held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, October 21, 22, 23, 24, 1913.

At the Council meeting, following the plan of the previous year, the club Presidents discussed the following questions:

Co-Education or Segregation for High School Students, Which?

Is There a Demand for a More Wholesome Drama?

The County and District Federation and the Farmer and Farmer's Wife.

Debating Societies.

Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws.

Value of Specific Religious and Cultural Training for Very Young Children.

The Club Woman and the Junior Citizen.

Minimum Wage for Women.

Consumers' Label League.

Early in the Day and Early Christmas Shopping.

The formal opening of the Convention was held Tuesday evening with Mrs. M. F. Ault, chairman of the Seventh District, presiding.

Welcome addresses were given by the heads of many organizations in Indianapolis with the Hon. Meredith Nicholson extending greetings from the State of Indiana. Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Second Vice President of the Indiana Federation, responded.

In Mrs. McWhirter's address to the club women, and it was reported one of the largest Conventions in the history of the Indiana Federation, with 800 in attendance, the work accomplished by the different departments of work was reviewed as well as plans proposed for the future. Mrs. McWhirter writes: "The advancement of educational, commercial and legal status of women was being considered by aggressive club women everywhere, and Woman Suffrage was a paramount issue before the nation at that time. As a climax of my term of office, in my annual address at the Convention I made a plea for wider privileges for women through Woman Suffrage, and also for the welfare of the children through the enactment of Child Labor Laws by our United States Government. A resolution endorsing

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

was unanimously adopted by the Convention, and the endorsement of the Convention was given to a resolution favoring the prohibition of the liquor traffic as passed by the General Federation."

At the close of the Convention held in Fort Wayne the previous year, the resignation of Mrs. Lewis J. Cox, Terre Haute, as Recording Secretary was read and accepted. Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford, was chosen to fill the vacancy.

From the reports of the chairmen of committees and departments we take the following: Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Art Chairman, reported that the two scholarships in the John Herron Art School for \$65 each, given to the Indiana Federation, had been placed. That the

Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibition will continue, as it is still much in demand.

Mrs. Martha S. Goodwin, Brookville, reporting on Library Extension, said: "Since the last meeting of the Federation, libraries have been established in the following towns: Cambridge City, Churubusco, Covington, Kingman, Mitchell, Monon, Rockville, South Whitley and Walkerton."

THE HOUSING LAW

Of the passing of the Housing Law for which the club women, under the direction of Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, had worked tirelessly, Mrs. McWhirter says: "The Housing Law was passed by the State Legislature, in regard to which Mrs. Bacon, chairman of the State Federation Housing Committee, said: 'We report a victory for the State Federation in winning the Tenement Law. It is a victory of the womanhood of the state, a victory of the rights of childhood, and of public welfare over personal greed.'"

"MAY FESTIVALS"

In the report of the Music Committee, Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis, chairman, we find mention made of "May Festivals." Mrs. Scott said, in speaking of a plan for a state opera company through the organization of choral societies throughout the state: "Several societies have already been started and we hope by spring to have at least one May Festival in each District. Today we have the 'Fine Arts Festivals' inaugurated by Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, President 1936-1937, and they are proving enjoyable and educational."

COOPERATION FOR THE BLIND

"In 1913, in the interest of our sightless women—those who are denied the countless advantages most of us take for granted—at my suggestion," writes Mrs. McWhirter, "a new committee was appointed—Cooperation for Blind—to work with the State Board of Industrial Aid for the Blind." At this Convention, a blind woman, Miss Emma McKinsey, made an earnest plea to the Indiana club women for aid in the securing and maintaining of a home for the adult blind women of the state. A committee was appointed, headed by Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, of Shelbyville, to canvass the situation and report to the Executive Board. After careful investigation the committee presented its findings and stated that the obtaining of a home and the responsibility of its upkeep was not feasible at that time. Other benevolent plans, however, were recommended and adopted. First, was the movement to assist the blind women to market their needlework, in the making of which they are so proficient and take such keen delight; this would be a source of revenue, pleasure, and help their morale.

In other words, it would "help them to help themselves," a boon they wished eagerly and wholeheartedly.

The only way the state served its sightless citizens at this time was by way of the State School for the Blind, with the customary education for students from eight to twenty-one years of age, and the outdoor relief law. The blind had two organizations: the Indiana Association of Blind Women, and the Indiana Association of Workers for the Blind, the latter made up of both sightless and seeing members. Through the efforts of Mrs. Montgomery, by legislative act, the State Commission for the Industrial Aid for the Blind was created in 1915. Since its establishment, the club women have cooperated with its supervisor of the needlecraft department; blind women obtain their supplies from this agency and are paid a wage for the finished product made in their own homes, which then is marketed through sales by club women.

Social service is a part of the plan. Blind women are asked to attend club meetings, are given opportunities often to attend concerts and lectures, are guests at parties and outings, are recipients of music records and books printed in raised type, etc. Clubs have been formed where a sufficient number are interested, and club women have formed a motor corps to furnish transportation to and from various meetings.

Mrs. Montgomery (now of Long Beach, California) retained the chairmanship of the committee for twelve years and laid a broad foundation for the work.

The Federation joined in an appeal to the Governor of Indiana for an Indiana Building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition held at San Francisco. Upon the opening of the Fair, Mrs. Robert H. Strong, Indianapolis, was appointed official hostess and was assisted by other Indiana club women. While Mrs. Strong was in San Francisco, she became very ill and died.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin, Texas, President of GFWC, was an honored guest during the Convention and her address "The Dangers That Threaten the American Home" was the highlight of the Convention. Other speakers were: Miss Adelaide Baylor; Miss Margaret Merker, Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. E. H. Lindley, of the State University; Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks, Indianapolis; Dr. Severence Burnage, and Dr. J. H. Ford, Indianapolis; Dr. J. N. Hurty; Dr. Caroline Hedger, Chicago, and Dr. Charles P. Emerson.

The social side of the Convention was not overlooked. There was an informal reception at the Claypool Hotel following the opening of the Convention, given by the Chamber of Commerce. The Woman's Press Club of Indiana gave a one o'clock luncheon for state officers and honor guests. The Woman's Franchise League of Indiana gave a dinner at the Columbia Club. The Art Committee Art Luncheon, and the Pioneer Luncheon were held at Ayer's Tea Room.

MEMBERSHIP

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank, Fort Wayne, reported an addition of 51 new clubs with a total of 2,169 members and the loss of 18 clubs. This brings the number of clubs to date to 359 with a total membership of 15,737. The 7th District, Mrs. M. F. Ault, Indianapolis, chairman, was presented the District Gavel for making the largest gain in new clubs, with nine. The 7th District also had the greatest number of clubs, 47, representing 4,374 members, with the 6th District second with 42 clubs, representing 1,400 members.

Mrs. Samuel E. Perkins, Indianapolis, General Federation Secretary for Indiana, reported 12 clubs accepted into GFWC.

THE FIRST BUDGET FOR IFC

The first report of the new Board of Trustees, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash, chairman, we find most interesting. It was the first time a budget had been made and we read: "Bills have been approved amounting to \$1,220.67. The total receipts for the year were \$1,018.20. \$202.47 of the income for 1914 was required to pay the deficit." Today the Federation endeavors to live within its income, which is a great help in determining the amount of work which can be undertaken during any one year.

The Credential Committee, Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne, chairman, reported 468 delegates, the 7th District, the hostess, again leading with 103 and the 6th District, second with 43.

With the report of the Elections Committee, we find Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, elected President for the following year.

An important committee appointed by Mrs. McWhirter, with Dr. Martha H. Griffith, Crawfordsville, chairman, was to assist the State Association for the study and prevention of Tuberculosis in the sale of Red Cross seals. The seals are today as familiar to all of us as our own United States stamps, and the good the seals do is in evidence everywhere.

During the Convention, word came of the death of one who had been active at the time of the organization of the General Federation, Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, Indianapolis.

In closing the report of her administration, Mrs. McWhirter says: "Throughout my administration, 'the homes of Indiana,' with emphasis upon motherhood and the interests and welfare of the children, were among the foremost considerations of the Federation. Today I can offer no better thought for our working creed than that given in my annual address in 1912:

'Now is the greatest day the world has ever seen, and now is the greatest hour. Now is the only time we can call our own. She who will not give her today, has no tomorrow to give.'"



Miss Vida Newsom

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PRESIDENT

MISS VIDA NEWSOM, COLUMBUS

Miss Vida Newsom, youngest daughter of the late Jesse R. and Mary Cox Newsom, was born at "Shady Lane Farm," near Columbus, Indiana. She and her elder sister, Lydia, attended the country school near their home, and later graduated from the Columbus High School, and in 1903, from Indiana University.

Shortly after graduation, the sisters sailed for a year of travel and study abroad, visiting the British Isles, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy and Egypt.

While taking graduate work at the University, the year following her trip abroad, Miss Newsom was invited to membership in "LaCercle Francais," which was a great privilege, as no one was permitted to speak other than the French language until after refreshments were served at the close of the evening. This gave her a background for teaching French to a group of young ladies, while at home in Columbus, with the result that they were able to enter the University and receive almost full credits for their efforts.

Evidently Miss Newsom's first contact with club work was as a member of the Columbus Culture Club. She wrote: "It was somewhere in Germany in 1903, that this now ex-President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, received an invitation to membership from the Columbus Culture Club, of which she is so proud to be a member. This club won two or three first prizes in the Program Building Contest conducted by the 'Indianapolis Star' over a period of years, and then won the Champion Prize for which only clubs that had won First Prizes were eligible to compete." She was also a charter member of the Magazine Club of Columbus.

To list but a few of her many other interests, she has served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Columbus Associated Charities, and as Secretary of the Board of County Charities; served as Volunteer Probation Officer for several years; Treasurer of the Bartholomew County Historical Society, and is the Author of the Bartholomew County Indiana Centennial Pageant, enacted in 1916, in a grove in Columbus. Miss Newsom is the Author also of "Phases of Southeastern Indiana History," which was presented at a meeting of the Jennings County Historical Society, Vernon, 1922. "This was the first time," wrote Miss Newsom, "this section of the State had been written as a unit, so it represented quite a bit of pioneering in the historical field." She served on the Executive Committee of the Indiana Society for Mental Hygiene, and was Vice President for three years of its Board of Directors. Also Vice President of the Municipal League of Indiana.

Miss Newsom served the club women of the state and nation in various capacities for many years. President of the Indiana Federation, 1913-1915; Director from Indiana, 1920-1922; Chairman Committee on Highways and Memorial Tree Planting, Gardens, 1922-1928; Adviser Mental Hygiene, 1926-32. She was a member of the National Club, composed of Past State Presidents, and a charter member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, IFC's Educational Sorority.

Miss Newsom passed away July 11, 1938.

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 General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford.

Trustees

Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.
 Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
 Mrs. Cora Frist Goodrich, Winchester.
 Parliamentarian, Mrs. Lewis J. Cox, Terre Haute.
 General Federation Magazine Agent, Mrs. M. Emma Cobb, Aurora.

District Chairmen

Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston, Indianapolis, Chairman.
 1. Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville.
 2. Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Bloomington.
 3. Mrs. F. A. Ulen, Corydon.
 4. Mrs. Louisa W. Barth, North Vernon.
 5. Mrs. O. E. Adams, Brazil.
 6. Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, Brookville.
 7. Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis.
 8. Mrs. W. Z. King, Elwood.
 9. Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Frankfort.
 10. Mrs. Frank M. Ross, Kentland.
 11. Mrs. E. W. Poinier, Andrews.
 12. Mrs. C. L. Souder, Columbia City.
 13. Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw.

Chairmen Business Committees

Biennial, Mrs. Robert H. Strong, Indianapolis.
 Credential, Mrs. Mark Rogers, Covington.
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 Resolutions, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Irvington.

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 Music, Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis.
 Library Extension, Mrs. A. D. Moffett, Elwood.
 Federation Extension, Dr. Amelia P. Keller, Indianapolis.
 University Extension, Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Indianapolis.
 Parent-Teacher Clubs, Mrs. E. H. Lacke, Newburg.
 Industrial and Agricultural Education, Mrs. Winfield Scott Johnson, Crawfordsville.

Country Life, Mrs. Ethel S. Pattie, Rockport.
Press, Mrs. George M. Naylor, Fort Wayne.
Reciprocity, Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.

CONSERVATION

Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne, Chairman.
Civics, Mrs. Edward M. Wilson, Fort Wayne.
Civil Service Reform, Mrs. W. A. Morris, Frankfort.
Forestry and Waterways, Mrs. John H. Morris, Union City.
Health, Dr. Adah McMahon, Lafayette.
Household Economics and Food Sanitation, Mrs. H. E. Bernard, Irvington.
Housing, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Stella C. Stimson, Terre Haute.
Immigrant Aid (Women and Children), Mrs. Isaac Halpern, Indianapolis.
Blind Cooperation, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
State Charities, Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Indianapolis, Chairman.

The Eighth Annual Convention was held in Evansville, October 20, 21, 22, 23, 1914, at the Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, with Miss Vida Newsom, President, presiding.

At the formal opening, greetings were extended by Mr. Ernest P. Wiles for the city of Evansville; Mrs. M. F. Hostetter for the City Federation, and Mrs. W. J. Torrance for the clubs of the First District. The response was given by Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston, Indianapolis, First Vice President of the Indiana Federation.

Miss Newsom, in her address, said: "The entire woman's club movement is now recognized as a great educational, civil and social factor and world power . . . it is only when one is privileged to become familiar with every avenue of helpfulness, which it represents, that it is possible to fully realize all that is comprehended in the name 'The Indiana Federation of Clubs.'"

"It was the privilege of the President during 1913-1915," wrote Miss Newsom, "to serve under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, President of the General Federation, and to be known as one of her 'Presidential Daughters,' as she was wont to designate the various State Presidents. Among her plans and suggestions was the calling of youth to the service of the Federation, emphasis of the Teacherage idea, or the home for the teacher of the rural school near the school building itself. In our state stress was laid, not only on these subjects, but on the organization of Country Clubs, of which there were very few at the beginning of this period. It was urged

that there be full cooperation and joint meetings of Rural and Urban Clubs, in all counties where Country Clubs were in existence."

Miss Newsom spoke of the Indiana Extension Lectures which Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood was instrumental in securing. "In the presentation of these lectures by the members of the faculty, the club women have heartily cooperated and shared the benefits with those outside their immediate circles." The above included outlines for club study and the Package Libraries, now so generally used and appreciated by the club women of Indiana, was no doubt the result.

WORK FOR THE BLIND

"This problem," continued Miss Newsom, "pertained to the lack of an employment bureau, which it was believed should be established to secure positions for the blind after they had learned a trade." The club women of Indiana did, and have continued to do, magnificent work by helping to dispose of towels and many other articles made by our blind, and by assisting them to secure remunerative work.

Another comparatively new committee in the Federation was one to cooperate with the Board of State Charities by assisting Boards of Children's Guardians and Boards of County Charities in counties where there were no such Boards.

The following divisions of work were first established as units of the Federation at this time: Immigrant Aid, which later became the Americanization Committee; the Cooperative Committee for the Blind; the Red Cross Christmas Seal Committee; the Political Science Committee, and the State Endowment Fund Committee.

"THE PLAYGROUND PRESIDENT"

Great stress was laid on the Playground movement by the State President, as one of the greatest institutions in the interest of Child Welfare. In speaking of this idea, Miss Newsom remarked: ". . . as a member of the Chataqua Literary and Scientific Circle, I became interested in Playgrounds. At that time there was no law which permitted towns the size of Columbus to appropriate funds for Playground purposes. So the Columbus Playground Association was formed and I was elected President." Miss Newsom went the next year to the Legislature (which was her first experience) with a bill drafted by an interested attorney of Columbus and the bill went through. "So continuously and consistently was the importance of Public Playgrounds for children stressed by Miss Newsom during the period of her Presidency that she was sometimes labeled, 'The Playground President' of the Federation.

CHICAGO BIENNIAL AND SUFFRAGE

"The Indiana delegation to the GFWC Biennial in Chicago, June, 1914, numbered more than 150 members (105 delegates and 48 al-

ternates) and," wrote Miss Newsom, "I spoke on 'What Is Our State's Greatest Need?' It was at this Biennial that the Convention went on record as favoring the full and complete enfranchisement of women. The Supreme Court of Illinois on the same day passed favorably on the legality of the suffrage statute which had been questioned, and the International Council of Women in Rome endorsed equal suffrage." The whole world is beginning to see the justice of the woman's cause. ". . . We," reported Miss Newsom, "are proud of the fact that our State Federation endorsed suffrage at our last annual Convention and that we are in the forefront in this movement."

At the Biennial, the Indiana delegation pledged \$100 to place the name of Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, on the Honor Roll of the GFWC Endowment Fund. "Most of the pledges were paid at Chicago, but the Indiana President at that time was requested to take charge of the completion of the fund, the balance of which was forwarded to the Treasurer of the GFWC on July 30, 1914, and receipts for full amount were deposited with the Recording Secretary." (Year Book, 1914-1915.)

The Blackstone Hotel in Chicago was headquarters for the Indiana women and a dinner was given to the officers of the GFWC with Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville, and Mrs. O. N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, in charge of arrangements.

INDIANA SLOGAN

"On April 21, 1914, the Board adopted the Indiana Slogan. Indiana delegates to the Los Angeles Biennial had been disappointed when a few states loudly proclaimed their presence by song and slogan, and the Hoosier women were silent. The President determined that Indiana should let the next Biennial know that a good representation was in attendance both in body and in spirit. She thought the four lines of Sarah T. Bolton's poem 'Indiana' (which had been sung at the last State Convention) admirably adapted for this purpose, but investigated carefully before asking the members of the Board to sanction the adoption of the slogan for use at the Chicago Biennial. This was done with much enthusiasm; 'but,' said Miss Charity Dye, 'we should do better than just recite these lines in unison, we should have them set to music.' She suggested that Miss Corinne L. Barcus would do this for the Federation, and Miss Dye was appointed to have this done and the slogan printed. Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis, Chairman of Music, succeeded in training us to 'warble' as we never did before, both preceding the departure for the Biennial, and after our arrival there. We had a meeting of the Indiana delegation every morning at the Blackstone Hotel and each time practiced our Indiana Slogan. Some State Presidents asked why we met so often, what we did, etc., but they understood when the Indiana delegation, 150 strong,

Indiana Slogan.

Words by SARAH T. BOLTON.

Music by CORINNE L. BARCUS.

With spirited dignity.

The winds of Heav - en nev - er fanned, The circ - ling sun - light

nev - er spanned The bor - ders of a. better land, Than our own In - di -

an - a, In - di - an - a, In - di - an - a, In - di - an - a.

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and all there when needed, sang the Indiana Slogan with such perfection. So it was at the Biennial Convention at Chicago, June, 1914, that the Indiana club women first sang at a National Convention, and never more beautifully, the now-famed Indiana Slogan."

Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Fort Wayne, a past President of the 12th District, and who was present in Chicago at the Convention, in speaking of the Biennial, said she remembered well the beautiful sight of our Indiana women as they walked down the aisle of the Auditorium singing the "Indiana Slogan." She said since the states took turns alphabetically that Indiana had a place near the top and tells the following humorous incident which took place when the women from Texas, Mrs. Pennybacker's own State, entered. They were, of course, among the last to enter and the delegation was very large to do honor to their Texas daughter, who was President of the General Federation. Unfortunately their song was pitched too high and when the high notes were reached only one or two could sing them and the song failed. The audience fairly roared with kindly laughter, but Mrs. Pennybacker in her happy solicitous way said: "Well! Well! I'm afraid our So'thern sisters got a little bit too far No'th." Mrs. Pennybacker died at her home in Austin, Texas, February 4, 1938, survived by two sons and a daughter.

The Executive Committee decided to add a footnote to the Indiana Slogan that "The words and music of their slogan were arranged for use at the 1914 Biennial."

The president of any organization is a very busy person and the Federation President was no exception. We read in Miss Newsom's report to the convention of her first year's work, that along with the

regular duties: "Your President has looked after the printing of all matter sent out from the office, circular letters, convention call and amendments, all of which were forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary for distribution. She was Chairman of the Program Committee that arranged the present convention program and had charge of printing of same." Miss Newsom attended eleven District conventions and talked at each. Three Districts did not have conventions. We also read that under the direction of Miss Newsom, 121 subscriptions were secured for the GFWC Magazine.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Art. Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, reported the Art Committee had been increased by the addition of thirteen members—one from each District. That the Fourth Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibition was shown in 14 cities during the year and that two Federation Scholarships in the John Herron Art Institute were used.

"Largely through the efforts of club women, said Mrs. Alonzo D. Moffett, Chairman of Library Extension, 17 new public libraries were opened."

With a Parent-Teacher Club in every county, except two, Mrs. E. H. Lacke, Newburg, Chairman, gave a report of much work accomplished. She also reported that 13th District has one Parent-Teacher Club in the General Federation.

Mrs. J. H. Morris, Union City, Chairman of Forestry and Waterways, reported Mrs. O. N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, had addressed a meeting of interested Fort Wayne men on the proposed waterway from Lake Erie to Lake Michigan and there was a resolution passed asking Mrs. Guldlin to present their cause before the Chicago Convention of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Morris says, "I cite this to show how effective our women could be in influencing legislation if they were thoughtful and active."

Mrs. S. C. Stimson, Terre Haute, Chairman of Industrial and Social Conditions, said: "If any law ever had human effort and the very spirit of life in it, Mrs. Bacon's Housing Law has it, but it is not self-enforcing. It needs the eyes and voices of club women if the poor of the State have light, air and other necessities in their homes.

The Legislative Committee, Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Indianapolis, Chairman, asked for continued work for a bill providing for a Memorial Building for Indiana to mark its Centennial year and for a Constitutional Convention for the State. Urging an all-time Health Officer bill, strengthening and enforcing our Marriage Laws and the Library Codification Bill.

Among the speakers for the three-day convention we find: Miss Evelyn Craig, Fraternal delegate to the Conservation Congress at Washington, and Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl for the American Library Association; Dr. William Lowe Bryan, Indiana University, who

spoke on "War and Peace" at the Federation Dinner held at the St. George Hotel; Mrs. James D. Hirst, New York; Hon. Amos W. Butler, Indianapolis; Mrs. George S. Clifford of the State Audubon Society; Dr. J. N. Hurty, Dr. Kenosha Sessions, Indianapolis; Dr. Edwin H. Walker, Evansville; Dr. Stanley Coulter, Purdue University; Prof. J. J. Pettijohn, Indiana University; Mr. Adolph Melzer, Evansville; Miss Edna G. Henry, Indiana University; Mrs. D. Elva Mills Stanley, Champaign, Illinois; Mr. Sidney A. Teller of West Chicago; Prof. Rufus Bernhard von Klein Smed, President of the University of Arizona, and Dr. Samuel B. Harding, Indiana University.

The guest speaker at the Suffrage dinner was Dr. Amelia R. Keller, whose subject was "The Need of a Constitutional Convention."

The Presidents of three State Federations gave short greetings: Mrs. Frederick A. Dow, Illinois; Mrs. Richard H. Lacy, Kentucky, and Mrs. George W. Denney, Tennessee.

Sixty club Presidents gave two-minute talks on "How Has Your Club Best Served the Community the Past Year?"

I wish we might have had a copy of the greeting extended by Mrs. Rachel Fauntleroy of New Harmony, the oldest living member of the Minerva Club. Immediately following the close of the convention on Saturday morning, October 24, many of the delegates went to New Harmony on invitation of the Women's Literary Club of that little village.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, in her report said: "It was found at the close of the 1913 club year that the apportionment of the budget prepared by the Trustees had been disregarded to such an extent that unpaid bills and the estimated cost of the Year Book together, made a deficit of about \$400. When the facts were presented to the 1914 Executive Committee, it agreed by a unanimous vote to pay these bills and print the 1913 Year Book in an abbreviated form, using 1914 funds for the purpose." The Year Book contained 64 pages and was the smallest ever printed by the Indiana Federation. However the 1914-15 Year Book contained 135 pages and more nearly covered the activities of the year's work, making the compiling of this section of the history more comprehensive. In closing Mrs. Rohbock reported: "The economy practiced by every one, made possible a saving on the budget allowances, leaving a good amount for the convention expenses. The year closes not only with no unpaid bills but with a balance in the treasury."

Mrs. E. A. Torrance was appointed assistant Treasurer to act during the convention, while Miss Kathryn Coniff acted as temporary Recording Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP

From the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Myers, Crawfordsville, we note 63 new clubs with 3,836 members were accepted during the year. That 27 were lost by disbanding, merging and withdrawal, leaving the total number of clubs at 390 with a membership of 19,343. The 1st District showed the greatest gain with 23 clubs, representing 1,663 members. As 1st District, Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville, Chairman, brought into the Federation for the year the greatest number of new clubs, the District Gavel was presented to her by Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, of the 7th District, which had held the honor during the past year.

Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford, as General Federation Secretary from Indiana, reported 47 clubs added to the National body since January 1, 1914. Mrs. Mitchell also reported the active membership of Indiana Federation at the San Francisco Biennial as 2,346 and the year just passed as reported at the Chicago Biennial, 4,695.

SHALL THE FEDERATION INCORPORATE?

It was at the 1913 convention that Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash, asked, "Shall the Federation Incorporate?" This question was brought forth because as Mrs. Rohbock said: "In the first place the Federation is not an incorporate body, hence cannot do some things necessary in the transaction of business. A note given to the Federation or its Trustees has no commercial value." This led to the incorporation the following year. It also led to the change in policy pertaining to the loaning of the funds to worthy students and resulted in the plan as practiced today, which was inaugurated at the convention in 1915.

EDUCATIONAL LOAN FUND

The club women have contributed generously to the Indiana Federation Educational Loan Fund since its proposal at the Richmond Convention in 1910. The Treasurer at the 1913 convention reported \$741.46 and at the 1914 convention, \$659.46. We read in the report of the Chairman, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock: "After deliberation, conference and correspondence, the Trustees have placed \$300 in trust with President Stone of Purdue University and \$300 in trust with President Bryan of Indiana University. These sums to be used for loans to worthy young women in those institutions, and under the rules that have been adopted in each institution in making student loans. This action has been taken because it is believed that the officers of the Universities, by long experience and by superior opportunities for knowing the character and merits of applicants for loans, were better able than the Trustees of the Federation to use the fund wisely. . . . Should there prove to be a demand for the use of this fund in these institutions it is hoped that the sums may be increased by the Federation and like

sums placed in every college in the State. . . . It is expressly understood that these sums of money thus placed shall remain the property of the Indiana Federation of Clubs and may be recalled upon reasonable notice. Both President Stone and President Bryan have expressed great appreciation of this work of the Federation in behalf of young women and each promises to use due effort to keep the fund at work and to report same."

The publicity and endorsement of the "Centennial Memorial" was placed in the hands of the Press Bureau. Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, reporting for the Indiana Centennial, felt assured that the Statehood Memorial Building would be a certainty.

Mary H. Flanner, Indianapolis, Chairman of the Centennial Pageant, urged the clubs to work together towards a great Centennial Pageant in 1916, celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the State of Indiana.

The superintendent of the Indiana Woman's Work Exhibit, Panama-Pacific Exposition, Mrs. Robert H. Strong, Indianapolis, explained the plan to be used. The Exposition will open February 20, 1915 and close December 4, 1915. "The mission style of architecture has been adopted," said Mrs. Strong, "and the color scheme taken from the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. The exhibit of the work of Indiana women will be in the Varied Industries Building, where we have been assigned 25x75 feet of space. Our work will include all kinds of needlework, arts and crafts and original design work in ceramics. Practically every county in the State will be represented, while some of Indiana's daughters who have achieved name and fame at home and abroad will exhibit with us."

Many delightful programs were arranged for the enjoyment of those attending the convention. Tea was served in the parlors of the church by the Woman's Press Club of Evansville; the new Masonic Temple was inspected; an Art luncheon; Suffrage dinner; and breakfast on a steamboat on the Ohio River by courtesy of the Evansville Woman's Club made the stay in that city one to be remembered.

During the Memorial Hour, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter paid tribute to Dr. Rebecca Rogers George; Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke to Mrs. James V. Mitchell and Mrs. H. B. Burnet to her friend Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood.

The Credential Committee, Mrs. Mark Rogers, Covington, Chairman, reported 244 voting delegates and Miss Newsom was re-elected as president for another year.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions covered in large part many of the suggestions incorporated in the individual reports, i. e., there was a protest against suggestive stories in magazines and newspapers; urged the promotion of simple and dignified forms of dancing and discourage the present

extremes; favor modest and becoming designs in women's clothes. "That in view of the unprecedented condition in our country's commercial relations with other nations, we as patriotic women consider it a duty and a privilege to encourage the widest possible use of cotton goods and of American products." They urged the reduction of fire waste, liquor traffic and urged the appointment of police matrons. Favored the erection of a Fine Arts Hall and Woman's Building at the State Fair Grounds. Recognition of housewives among the classified workers of the nation. They endorsed the Federal Child Labor Bill, the appointment of women as deputy factory inspectors. They "Resolved, That we commend the conduct of the present administration and particularly President Woodrow Wilson in preventing a war with our unhappy neighbor, Mexico, thus saving thousands of American lives and preventing untold sorrow and financial loss." They favored an Indiana Endowment Fund to promote the work of the Indiana Federation of Clubs.

Today our Resolutions are few and only those which are approved by the Board of the Indiana Federation appear upon the "Call."

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, 22, 1915

OFFICERS

President, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
First Vice President, Dr. Amelia R. Keller, Indianapolis.
Second Vice President, Mrs. Victor Franklin Jones, South Bend.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert A. Ogg, Greencastle.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Myers, Crawfordsville.
Treasurer, Mrs. Edward A. Torrance, Evansville.
Auditor, Mrs. Sallie Harney Foster, Ladoga.
General Federation Secretary, Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford.

Trustees

Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.
Mrs. Cora Frist Goodrich, Winchester.
Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
Parliamentarian, Mrs. Lewis J. Cox, Terre Haute.
General Federation Magazine Agent, Mrs. Grant C. Markle, Winchester.

District Chairmen

Dr. Amelia R. Keller, Indianapolis, Chairman.

1. Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville.
2. Miss May E. Lyham, Washington.
3. Mrs. A. Rasmussen, New Albany.
4. Miss Grace H. Griffith, Vevay.
5. Mrs. O. E. Adams, Brazil.
6. Mrs. T. Benton Henley, Carthage.
7. Mrs. E. C. Rumples, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. W. Z. King, Elwood.
9. Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Frankfort.
10. Mrs. Eva Marble Bondy, Valparaiso.
11. Mrs. John P. Kenower, Huntington.
12. Miss Clara Gilbert, Kendallville.
13. Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw.

Chairmen Business Committees

Credential, Mrs. Mark Rogers, Covington.

Election Board, Mrs. J. F. Barnhill, Indianapolis.

Resolutions, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Irvington, Indianapolis.

Chairmen Special Committees

Indiana Centennial, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

Centennial Pageant, Mrs. Mary H. Flanner, Indianapolis.

Indiana Coliseum, Mrs. John P. Kenower, Huntington.

Red Cross Christmas Seals, Mrs. M. F. Ault, Indianapolis.

State Endowment Fund, Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne.

Fraternal Delegates

American Library Association, Mrs. A. D. Moffett, Elwood.

National Education Association, Miss Harriett A. Thompson, Richmond.

National Conservation Congress, Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne.

Departments

EDUCATION

Miss Charity Dye, Indianapolis, Chairman.

Art, Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis.

Literature, Mrs. Frank F. Hutchins, Indianapolis.

History, Mrs. Helen M. Baumgaertner, Rockport.

Music, Mrs. Jean McCormick.

Library Extension, Mrs. A. D. Moffett, Elwood.

Federation Extension, Mrs. Victor Franklin Jones, South Bend.

University Extension, Mrs. W. F. Book, Indianapolis.

Parent-Teacher Clubs, Mrs. E. H. Lacke, Newburg.

Industrial and Agricultural Education, Miss Alma L. Garvin, West Lafayette.

Country Life, Mrs. Ethel S. Pattie, Rockport.
 Peace, Mrs. Sam Matthews, Tipton.
 Political Science, Mrs. F. R. Greve, West Lafayette.
 Press, Mrs. Geo. M. Naylor, Fort Wayne.
 Reciprocity Bureau, Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.

CONSERVATION

Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne, Chairman.
 Civics, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, Fort Wayne.
 Civil Service Reform, Mrs. W. A. Morris, Frankfort.
 Forestry and Waterways, Mrs. C. L. Souder, Columbia City.
 Public Health, Dr. Adah McMahon, Lafayette.
 Home Economics and Pure Food, Mrs. Margaret M. Romine, Mooresville.
 Housing, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
 Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. S. C. Stimson, Terre Haute.
 Sub-committee, Immigrant Aid (for women and girls), Mrs. Isaac Halpern, Indianapolis.
 Blind (Cooperation State Assn. of Blind Women), Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
 State Charities, Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. W. T. Barnes, Indianapolis, Chairman.

The ninth annual convention was held at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, October 26-29, 1905.

At the Council meeting in the afternoon of the 26th ". . . more than sixty women spoke on the following specified topics:

What Are We Asking of the Federation?
 How to Interest Young Girls in Clubs.
 Homes for Rural School Teachers.
 The Playground as a Factor in Community Life."

Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Chairman of the 7th District, presided at the formal opening of the convention on the evening of the 26th. Hon. Fred I. Willis extended greetings for the city of Indianapolis and Mrs. Rumpler for the clubs of the 7th District, to which Dr. Amelia R. Keller, First Vice President, responded.

Miss Newsom's address bore the caption, "The Spirit of the Federation" and covered every phase of work sponsored by the organization. She spoke then, as we do now, of the necessity of keeping in close touch with the work by reading the magazine of the General Federation. In just a few years we were to embark upon the publication of our own Indiana Club Woman Magazine.

Miss Newsom reported twelve District conventions had been held, there being none in the 3d District. She had been able to attend eight,

several being held while she was in Portland, Oregon, attending the Council meeting of the GFWC, where she served on the Resolutions Committee.

TURKEY RUN

It was in Miss Newsom's address that mention was made for the first time of the conservation of the tract of land known as "Turkey Run." Under the heading "Conservation," Miss Newsom said: "Our Federation has been vitally interested during the past months in the conservation of a tract of land known as 'Turkey Run,' and in the interest of the preservation of which we would appeal for the co-operation of every American citizen, earnestly believing that our State should have and protect in its primeval state this beautiful grove, this rare spot remarkable for its scenic beauty, as well as important as a contribution to the forestry movement in our State.

"Turkey Run, in the central northern part of Parke County, is a most picturesque locality. With its environs it forms what is known as Bloomingdale Glens. Bloomingdale Glens have been for many years and are now used by seekers of outdoor pleasure as a summer resort. . . . It was the club women in the immediate vicinity of this place who were the promoters of the movement now well launched to conserve this tract of land for our State. It was the appeal of these club women to the Federation through the Conservation Department that later resulted, at the request of the Federation, in the appointment of a commission by the Governor looking toward the preservation of this tract of land.

"We well remember the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federation at Indianapolis in April, 1915, when, on recommendation of the Conservation Department of the IFC, of which Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank was chairman, the action was taken. With her report was submitted a letter from a member of the Rockville Woman's Club, presenting the situation in regard to Turkey Run, emphasizing the imperative need for immediate action, and urging the assistance of the State Federation. . . . After our consideration there followed the motion that the Board, through the President of the Federation, petition the Governor to appoint an honorary commission looking toward the preservation of Turkey Run as a state reservation."

TURKEY RUN COMMISSION

"Now, therefore, I, Samuel M. Ralston, as Governor of Indiana, in obedience to the request and out of deference for the solicitude of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, to save from deterioration as well as desecration, the grandeur of nature thus displayed in its primitive beauty, do appoint and constitute, but without legal enactment, William Watson Woollen, of Indianapolis; Vida Newsom, of Columbus, and Juliet V. Strauss, of Rockville, all of Indiana—commissioners to examine Bloomingdale Glens and the neighborhood thereabout, with

a view of determining and reporting to the Governor what can be done by themselves or the State, or both, to preserve the natural beauty of this place, and keep it as a habitation for the wild life of the woods, and as a restful retreat for man; to the end that here the young may find romance, older folk rest, and all recreation and a renewing of the spirit through a real communion with nature."

This commission on May 18 made a trip to Turkey Run, and that evening in Indianapolis a meeting was held at the Claypool Hotel, attended also by the Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks and Mr. William A. Guthrie, President of the State Board of Forestry. ". . . It was generally conceded by all present that the Indiana Federation of Clubs, represented on the commission, and with branches in practically every County in the State, could render invaluable service in giving publicity to this new movement, informing the people of the State as to the threatened destruction of this storehouse of God's treasures, because of the fact that the nature-lover, John Lusk, who had so long guarded them, had passed away."

Miss Newsom, with a collection of pictures of the remarkable trees at Turkey Run, loaned by the Forestry Department, stressed this activity of the Federation at each of the District Conventions where she talked. She said, "The women of the Press Bureau, too, eagerly sent the story over the wires to all sections of the State, so with the close of the spring months of the club year the educational work was well under way."

At the State Convention in October, 1915, Turkey Run was made a special feature ". . . and interest was greatly heightened by having it retouched by the graphic personality of the 'Country Contributor,' Mrs. Juliet V. Strauss, who lived in the neighborhood of Turkey Run.

"Suffice it to say that the Indiana Federation consecrated itself anew," wrote Miss Newsom, "to this important cause . . . assisting not only along educational and legislative lines, but by contributing, through its individual clubs, to the financial campaign so ably conducted later by Mr. Richard Lieber and others. . . . Therefore, on November 11, 1916, was preserved this one memorial of the celebration of the centenary of Indiana's statehood."

STATE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund of the Indiana Federation was, no doubt, the outgrowth of the completion, in 1913, of the General Federation Endowment Fund by the States in the Union.

Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank, Fort Wayne, Chairman of this committee, outlined the plan briefly as follows: "The sum of \$10,000 is to be raised in two years. It is to be prorated to the clubs. Each individual club will pay its assessment to its District Chairman, who will, in turn, pay it to the special Endowment Treasurer, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis, who was appointed to this office.

"A founders' list, which is eligible to all clubs or individuals paying \$100, was made a part of the policy and is to be a perpetual memorial." That is, this list was to be printed in and be a part of the annual Year Book. (This list is shown under the report of the 1920 Convention, when the Fund was last reported by the Chairman. Miss Newsom had been appointed by Mrs. Fairbank to carry to completion the collection of the Fund after Mrs. Fairbank's election to the presidency of the Federation.)

We read in the Addenda to the Business Minutes: "Those who were present at the 'ingathering' for the Endowment Fund will certainly enjoy knowing that the pledges aggregated \$827, plus 5 cakes, 100 quarts of strawberries, \$5 worth of jumping jacks and 10 bales of hay."

Only two served on the State Endowment Fund from its inception under Mrs. Fairbank and then under Miss Newsom—Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, Indianapolis, as Secretary, and Mrs. E. P. Myers, Elwood.

From the Department reports we read: Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman of the Art Committee, reported the Fifth Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibit, consisting of fifty oil and water-color paintings, was shown in 21 cities of the State and "... the demand has been greater than could be supplied."

Helen M. Baumgaertner, Rockport, Chairman of the History Committee, said, "Almost every letter told of some activity of the club women toward making the Centennial Celebration a success." Miss Newsom writes: "One of the salient activities of this Federation period was the education campaign so successfully promoted throughout the State by the Federation, as well as other organizations, preparatory to the great Centennial Celebration of Indiana's Statehood. Centennial Pageantry was in flower in city, town and countryside, and we all learned then, as never before, to revere our ancestors, the founders of this great Commonwealth."

Mrs. Alonzo D. Moffett, Elwood, Chairman of Library Extension, reported only seven counties in the State without a library. This has been one of the major projects of the Federation for many years.

MODEL PRESS BUREAU

"Indiana has had the honor to have her Press Bureau taken as a model for reorganizing the Press Committee of the GFWC, a recognition which is virtually national," reported Mrs. George M. Naylor, Fort Wayne, Chairman of the Bureau. Mrs. Naylor also reported that "... for the first time in the history of the Federation, the farm papers of Indiana have opened their pages to Federation Club news."

Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne, Chairman of the Department of Conservation, reported GFWC asked for cooperation with the Federal Children's Bureau, of which Miss Julia Lathrop is chief, in its

effort to establish a "Baby Week," beginning March 4th. Clubs were urged to cooperate in an effort to preserve some portions of the sand dunes which lie in the northern part of Indiana. (This became a later activity of the Federation under the leadership of Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.) Plans for the planting of the Lincoln Highway are gradually being worked out, and the following motto used:

"He who plants a tree where there has been no shadow is as great as he who smites the rock to unlock a water system."

Ten sales were arranged for, where the work of blind women was sold, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Chairman, reporting the largest sale from the 13th District with proceeds of \$33.40.

It was at the January Board Meeting that the officers of the Indiana Federation of Clubs signed the Articles of Incorporation. However, it was not until the printing of the 1923 Year Book that the Articles appear.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, each of whom are residents of the State of Indiana, hereby associate ourselves together as a corporation under and pursuant to the following articles, to-wit:

- I. The name of the corporation shall be "Indiana Federation of Clubs."
- II. This corporation, not being organized for pecuniary profits but for educational and benevolent purposes, shall have no capital stock.
- III. The object for which this organization is created shall be to promote the organization of clubs for literary, musical, charitable and other similar purposes and to bring such clubs into relation of mutual helpfulness in order that they may compare methods of study and work and make combined action possible on measures that all can endorse, and to promote the educational, charitable and moral development of the State.
- IV. Its affairs shall be managed by a Board of not less than three nor more than fifteen Directors, which said Board shall be selected from time to time by the Federated Women's Clubs of the State of Indiana, under such rules, regulations and by-laws as may be adopted by the incorporators, and amended from time to time in accordance with the terms of such by-laws, and the by-laws shall provide the terms and conditions under which various club organizations of the State may unite with the corporation.

- V. The names and places of residence of each of the incorporating members of this society are subscribed to these articles and are hereby made a part of the same.
- VI. The principal place of business and home office of the corporation shall be in the City of Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
- VII. The term of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.
- VIII. The corporate seal of the corporation shall consist of a circular disc on the outer circumference of which shall be printed the words and figures "Indiana Federation of Clubs, 1915," and across the diameter thereof the word "Seal."
- IX. The Board of Directors or Trustees shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. The Directors so elected to serve three years and one-third of them elected each year. The first third of the persons hereinafter named serve three years, the second third shall serve two years, and the remaining third shall serve one year.
- X. The following named persons shall constitute the Board of Directors or Trustees until the first annual meeting of the Federation of Clubs, and their term of office shall be as above indicated: Eva Rohbock, Virginia C. Meredith and Cora F. Goodrich.

In Witness whereof, we, the undersigned incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals together with our respective residences.

Vida Newsom, Columbus.

Amelia R. Keller, Indianapolis.

Adah Sawyer Jones, South Bend.

Louise H. Ogg, Greencastle.

Ella M. Myers, Crawfordsville.

Theodora M. Torrance, Evansville.

Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.

Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.

FIRST AUDITOR

It was decided to have the books of the Treasurer audited by an expert accountant, and this action is still followed.

Several changes were made in the committees—The Health Committee was changed to Public Health Committee; Household Economics to Home Economics. Pure Food Committee and Committees on Peace and Political Science were named.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL OF WOMEN

The Indiana Federation joined the "Council of Women" organization at the January Board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Myers, reported 438 clubs with 22,803 members. Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, General Federation Secretary for Indiana, reported three new clubs were accepted into GFWC with 277 members. One hundred twelve members were lost by resignation, and that the per capita increase was 165.

The District Gavel was presented jointly to the 5th and the 8th Districts, each having added eleven new clubs during the year. The 5th District's eleven clubs represented 266 members, and the 8th, 480. The 7th District had eight new clubs with 849 members, which was 103 more than both the 5th and 8th, but the gavel was to be given to the District bringing in the largest number of new clubs, regardless of the number of members. Fourth District had the least, with one new club representing 50 members. We note, also, that the 7th District had the greatest number of Federated club women, 5,894, and 3d District the least with 670.

There were two nominees for the office of President—Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank, Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Lewis J. Cox, Terre Haute. Mrs. Fairbank was elected.

Many outstanding speakers were presented. Dr. Severance Bursage, President of the Indiana Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis; Prof. Stanley Coulter of Purdue University; Dr. Hurty, Indianapolis; Maurice I. Flagg of Minnesota, President of the Art Commission; Hon. Amos W. Butler of the State Board of Charities; Rev. Francis H. Gavisk of the National Board of Charities; Dr. S. S. Smith, Superintendent of the Eastern Hospital for the Insane; Dr. Wirt Lowther; Wm. E. Blizzard of New York City; Mrs. William I. Thomas, Chicago, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Peace Party, and Miss Helen Varick Boswell of New York City.

Miss Lutie E. Stearns, Director of the GFWC, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, gave two addresses, "The Business of Being a Club Woman," and "A Spinster's Soliloquy." "Civics and Citizenship" was the address given by Mrs. Geo. H. Zimmerman, Fremont, Ohio, Chairman of the Civics Committee of GFWC.

The Hon. Charles Warren Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, gave an address on "The Forestry Movement in Indiana."

Several visiting club women gave greetings—Miss Anna B. Johnson, of the Ohio Federation; Mrs. Ashbaugh, President of the Michigan State Federation; Mrs. Murry of New York, Chairman of the Credentials Committee of GFWC.

"We came in the early morning hour," says Miss Newsom, "to bring a loving tribute to the memory of two of the most effective and well-beloved workers of the Federation who left us during the year—Mrs. J. M. Hamilton of Brookville, and Mrs. Robert H. Strong of Indianapolis."

A reception, with over 400 present, was given by the Seventh

District. The Federation dinner was a brilliant affair, and the Suffrage dinner was in charge of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana. Exhibits in the Palm Room showed the work of the blind, Turkey Run Reservation, and State Board of Forestry.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions urged adequate health laws with trained health officers under civil service rules; health supervision of all school children; elimination of billboards; establishment of "Indiana Day," suggesting June 10, as being the anniversary of the opening of the convention that framed the first Constitution of the State; strongly favored purchase by the State of the old capitol at Corydon and the purchase of the tract, "Turkey Run," for a State park. The resolutions closed urging a request be made to U. S. Commissioner of Education Claxton to prepare a standard manual for the United States.

It was voted to accept the invitation from Terre Haute for the 1916 Convention.

ADDENDA

"THE MARY SHERMAN FORESTS"

Miss Vida Newsom, Chairman of the Committee on Highways and Memorial Tree Planting; Gardens, GFWC, 1922-28.

"It occurred to the Chairman (Miss Newsom) of this Committee, that it would be a fine tribute to the President of the General Federation (Mrs. John D. Sherman), if we could have planted 50 or 100 'Mary Sherman Trees,' at least one for each State, before the Biennial Convention at San Antonio, Texas, May-June, 1928."

So with the slogan, "The Highway Beautiful as Well as Useful," the idea was launched at the Grand Rapids Biennial Council, 1927, and heartily endorsed. News releases to a number of the leading newspapers throughout the United States, gave an impetus to this phase of the work. Many fine reports were received by the Chairman from the different States, and the newest "National Forest," the "Mary Sherman Forest," came into being.

Miss Newsom was able to report at San Antonio that more than 100 "Mary Sherman" trees had been planted by the 25 states reporting.

"Indiana's units of the 'Mary Sherman Forest' were located in Terre Haute, Indianapolis, Boonville, and Sheridan. Indiana was the second State to plant a tree during their State Convention honoring Mrs. Sherman. A Tulip Tree (Indiana's State Tree) was planted October 19, 1927, in Rose Park, Terre Haute, with the Nature Study Department of the Terre Haute Woman's Club in charge of the ceremonies."

Many clubs and individuals reported the planting of "Mary Sherman Trees," and Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman of the

Committee on Ownership Division of Art, in the Fine Arts Department, GFWC, wrote, ". . . that her 'Mary Sherman Forest' consisted of three silver birch trees on the lawn of her new home, and quite near her dining room window," adding, "I want ever to remember how Mary Sherman brought the importance of the American Home and the abounding vitality of beauty as an important factor in club life." The incomplete report of trees planted in Indiana due to the above activity was over 5,000.

Miss Newsom closed her report with the following: "The trees of the 'Mary Sherman Forest,' will ever remain as a testimony of appreciation of the members of the General Federation for the unusual qualities of leadership of our (then) retiring General Federation President, and to flourish as a living and growing tribute to Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman in recognition of her achievements along various lines and over a period of years in the field of Conservation of Natural Resources."

MENTAL HYGIENE

From the report of Miss Newsom as Adviser on Mental Hygiene, GFWC, submitted to Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar, Portland, Oregon, Chairman Department of Public Welfare for 1930-31, and for Biennial Council, April-May, 1931, Phoenix, Arizona.

The outstanding purpose of the Mental Hygiene Division of the Public Health Department of the General Federation is to promote "Public Education in Mental Hygiene," through club programs, special speakers, publicity, exhibits, distribution of literature, and by asking librarians to provide literature on the subject.

At the request of Mrs. Dunbar, a suggested outline of work for the Biennial Period was prepared for presentation at the GFWC meeting in Washington in 1931.

A resolution was prepared by Miss Newsom, although, as she says, she did not read it to the Convention, as she was busy distributing literature from the Mental Hygiene booth. The resolution was approved by Mrs. Dunbar and presented at the Phoenix, Arizona, Convention. Also, at the request of Miss Vella Winner, editor of the GFWC Magazine, a short article was submitted which covered the purpose and plan of work, and some information about literature on the subject.

Miss Newsom, with some thirty club women from Indiana, attended the First International Congress on Mental Health, held in Washington, D. C., May 5-10, 1929. Among those attending from Indiana were Dr. Chas. P. Emerson and Dr. A. W. Butler.

A special feature of the Mental Hygiene Division activity in the Indiana Federation from the beginning, 1923, has been the Mental Hygiene Breakfast, at which time addresses were given by Indiana leaders in the field of Mental Hygiene.



Carolyn Randall Fairbank

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Tenth Annual Convention

CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

Indiana Union of Literary Clubs

Organized at Richmond

June 4, 1890

Consolidated with

Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs

October 13, 1906

at

Fort Wayne

Action was taken to accept the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs' organizing date (1890), as the date of the first Convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, thus making the present meeting, 1916, the

Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1916

Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention

FORT WAYNE, 1917

PRESIDENT

CAROLYN RANDALL FAIRBANK (MRS. CLARK), FORT WAYNE

Carolyn Randall (Mrs. Clark Fairbank) was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, September 26, 1855, and died in that city June 1, 1918.

She was the daughter of the Hon. F. P. Randall and Mary Jane Reed. It was while the family lived in southern Indiana, Mary Jane attending school in Indianapolis, that she met and married Mr. Randall, coming later to Fort Wayne to reside.

Miss Randall was educated in the Fort Wayne public schools and later attended a girls' boarding school at Carlisle, Penn. On May 28, 1880, she married Clark Fairbank, formerly of Boston, Mass.

"No doubt her father's interest in the development of Fort Wayne," writes her daughter, Agnes Fairbank Taylor, of Pittsburg, Pa., "greatly influenced her mind toward activity in both public and semi-public work. The Hon. F. P. Randall was Mayor of Fort Wayne during the Civil War, and was greatly interested in the welfare of those enlisting from this section of Indiana."

"He often visited the war camp at the old fair grounds (now Swinney Park)" states Mrs. A. L. Randall, "and submitted the design for several of the flags the Indiana boys carried away to war—in fact, he was a good citizen."

Mrs. Fairbank was interested in many organizations in Fort Wayne, as: The Woman's Club League, the Y. W. C. A., Visiting Nurse League, and the Fort Wayne Art School, of which latter group she served as President. She was a charter member and twice Regent of the Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Women's Guild of the Trinity Episcopal Church claimed much of her attention, and she was a member of the oldest club in Fort Wayne, The Woman's Reading Club.

"No finer tribute could be paid to Mrs. Fairbank than that extended by her own club, the Morning Musical, when they repeatedly chose her for President. She served them in that capacity for six years, 1901-1907, and again for eight years, 1909-1917. The 1918 Annual Convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs paid tribute to her

memory, she having passed away on June 1st. (Historical Edition Club Woman.)

The following tribute, written by Claude Bowers, then with the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, and later U. S. Ambassador to Spain, gives a clear picture of the character of Mrs. Fairbank:

"The death of Carolyn R. Fairbank will be keenly felt in Fort Wayne, where she has so long been actively identified with various activities making for civic development—a woman of fine mentality, perfect poise, excellent judgment, progressive views, and rare executive and directive capacity, her strong and charming personality has long been impressed upon the women of Indiana, and her two terms as President of the Federation of Women's Clubs speaks of the general appreciation of her ability. In various local organizations of women she has a monument—she possessed that combination, all too rare, of organizing, execution, directive capacity, and personal charm—she will be greatly missed."

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1. Mrs. Philip Suddoth, Mt. Vernon.
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4. Mrs. Gaylord Crozier, Madison.
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Civil Service Reform, Mrs. W. A. Morris, Frankfort.
Forestry and Waterways, Mrs. C. L. Souder, Columbia City.
Public Health, Mrs. George E. Leggett, Winchester.
Red Cross Christmas Seals, Mrs. W. F. Ault, Indianapolis.
State Endowment Fund, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
Home Economics, Prof. Mary L. Matthews, West Lafayette.
Indiana Centennial, Miss Charity Dye, Indianapolis.
Housing, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Blanche L. Utz, New Albany.
Immigrant Aid, Mrs. Isaac Halpern, Indianapolis.
Blind, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
State Charities, Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. John F. Barnhill, Indianapolis, Chairman.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, OCTOBER 31 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3, 1916

"THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT"

The Tenth Convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs was changed during this annual meeting to the Twenty-Seventh, due to the consolidation of the two former organizations—The Indiana Union of Literary Clubs and the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The formal opening was held at the Herron Art Institute the evening of October 31st, with Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Chairman of the Seventh District, presiding. It was said that although it was an unusual thing to have two succeeding meetings at the same place, Mrs. Rumpler made all the delegates feel very welcome. Mrs. S. E. Perkins, a member of the Board of Trustees, responded to Mrs. Rumpler's greeting.

Following Mrs. Fairbank's address, "The Woman of the Past," which, unfortunately, is not recorded in the Year Book, an especially delightful musical program was given by the members of the Morning Musical of Fort Wayne, under the supervision of Clara Zollars Bond. This was given as a compliment and in honor of Mrs. Fairbank, who served as President of the organization for fourteen years.

We find this year Advance Reports were published of Department work, which, no doubt, was a great help to the delegates during the business sessions.

Mrs. Fairbank, in her report, stated she had attended eleven of the twelve District Conventions held. That she had the happy privilege of calling to order the first Convention held in the Third District in four years.

Referring to the slogan for the year, "The Community Spirit," Mrs. Fairbank said the club women should endeavor to get in closer touch with their neighbors . . . and that we must have real comradeship in our club work, comradeship of country, town, city and state, if we would succeed in our undertakings. She said: "An indication of the growth and power of the Federation is found in the fact that the cooperation of this body has been solicited by almost every organization for the betterment and service of mankind that has been instituted in the country in the past few years." Representatives were appointed to the National Convention of Charities and Correction; the Legislative Council of Women Civic Convention in Indianapolis; Farmers' National Congress; American Library Association; National Educational Association; National Conservation Congress; GFWC Biennial; National Playground Congress; Conference for Mental Defectives, and others.

Mrs. Fairbank laid emphasis on the Baby Week Campaign and the work for the Immigrant Woman and Child. She stressed the completion of the Endowment Fund, saying: "During the past year many departments of work have suffered from lack of funds. We are working for many needed reforms; for better housing conditions; for the welfare of the children and the working woman, and for the uplift of humanity in general."

Mrs. Fairbank spoke of being in hearty accord with the Centennial Committee, Miss Charity Dye, Chairman, which has aided in the work for the Monument to the Pioneer Mother. "The Federation is proud to have this noted woman at the head of its Centennial activities."

One of the recommendations made by Mrs. Fairbank was that IFC hold a Biennial instead of an Annual Convention, but when put to a vote the Convention favored the annual meetings, and so it has remained to this day.

In closing her report, Mrs. Fairbank said, "You have worked with the true Federation spirit and have shown that you felt that Federation is not simply belonging to the ranks, but it is loving and supporting its work."

Mrs. John H. Smith, Chairman of Library Extension, reported only five counties, as against seven last year, which do not have libraries.

Miss Charity Dye, in her report of the work of the Centennial Committee, said: "The placing of a permanent memorial to the Pioneer Mother of Indiana is yet to be accomplished. . . . To date, \$2,500 has been received in collections and pledges."

"Beauty in Everything," was the slogan chosen by the Art Department, Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Chairman. The Sixth Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibit, composed of 51 paintings in oil and water color, by 31 Indiana artists, was sent to 27 cities. Seven of the pictures were purchased and two Free Scholarships at the Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis, were placed. From the "History of Art and Artists," we find Indiana has eight schools giving art instructions, besides the public schools; 46 clubs, including art associations, giving their entire study to art, and there are nearly 400 known artists in Indiana.

Mary H. Flanner, Chairman of the Pageantry Committee, reported 42 pageants for this Centennial year. As someone said: "If I had gotten nothing out of our pageant except becoming better acquainted with my neighbors, it would have been worth while. . . . Above all, let us be glad we have had the cheering voice and helping hand of our own Miss Charity Dye to spur us on to the realization of our possibilities in accomplishing this great processional of pageants."

Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw, Conservation Chairman, urged support of the club women for the acquisition of the Dunes Country at the foot of Lake Michigan, which later became a realization.

"Plans for obtaining a home for adult blind women are slowly

taking definite shape," reported Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Chairman, this, too, becoming later a reality.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Miss Vida Newsom, reporting on the Fund, of which she was Chairman, said: "Twenty-four names have been placed on the Honor Roll. (See complete report, 1920.) That contributions from the districts showed 12th headed the list with the largest amount, \$635, and also the greatest number on the Honor Roll Pledges. Seventh District ranked second with \$482.50. The clubs of the 3d District were first in club contributions, almost every club having paid its full apportionment."

Many outstanding national, as well as local personages, appeared on the program. Among them we find Miss Helen Louise Johnson, Watertown, New York; Dr. Carolyn E. Geisel, Battle Creek, Michigan; Mrs. John Dickinson Sherman, Chicago (later President of GFWC), who advocated the conservation of the human family. At the Federation dinner held in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel, and which was taxed to its capacity, Dr. Amelia Keller spoke on "The Woman of the Future." Dr. Keller's daughter, Miss Helen L. Johnson, responded. The main address at the dinner was given by Mrs. Kate Upson Clarke of New York, whose subject was "Can Personality Be Acquired?" Other speakers were: Prof. G. I. Christie, Purdue University; Miss Harriet E. Vittum, Civic Director of the Woman's City Club of Chicago; David Porterfield, Indianapolis, and Mr. Elijah A. Gladden, Secretary of the State Board of Forestry.

At the Suffrage dinner given by the Woman's Franchise League in the Riley Room, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, one of our pioneer club women, talked on early club life in Indiana. Prof. Thomas F. Moran, of Purdue University, warned us, ". . . that the world would not be the same after the European War and we must prepare now for the change." Prophetic words.

"INDIANA WOMEN"—A SKETCH

This meeting closed with an original sketch prepared by Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, impersonations of "Indiana Women of a Hundred Years." The pictures were arranged by Mrs. Mary H. Flanner, and the Processional directed by Mrs. Ida Gray Scott. The living pictures, which included Mary Kern, a pioneer woman of Fayette County; Julia Dumont, the first woman teacher; Catharine Merrill, of whom it was said, ". . . to know her was a liberal education;" Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Henry S. Lane, ". . . who attended all Republican Conventions;" Zerella Wallace, early advocate of suffrage and temperance; Sarah K. Bolton, poet laureate of Indiana; the first woman's club at New Harmony, and Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, ". . . as the club woman of today."

Several Indiana women spoke on the Biennial Hour, arranged by the GFWC Secretary for Indiana, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, as well as Mrs. D. L. Murray, Cincinnati, Chairman of Credentials of the GFWC.

We find in the business sessions: Indiana was represented at the Biennial in New York by 72 delegates and 15 alternates; 3 new clubs had been accepted into membership; the 1917 Council Meeting will be held in New Orleans, La., and the 1918 Biennial at Hot Springs, Ark.

DIRECTOR EX OFFICIO

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, in accordance with the new by-laws of the GFWC, was nominated by Indiana as Director, and her election by the Board of the GFWC followed. At this Convention it was decided that the Director should be made a member of the Executive Committee, ex officio. Today the General Federation Director is a voting member of the Executive Committee of our Indiana Federation. It was also decided to combine the GFWC Secretary and the GFWC Magazine Agent.

Mrs. O. H. Downey, Churubusco, was appointed State Editor. (Mrs. Downey is now editor of the Indiana Club Woman.) Mrs. M. F. Ault, Indianapolis, was the first time-keeper appointed. Forty-four clubs, representing 1,570 members, were accepted into membership. The District Gavel was presented to the 7th District for bringing in the largest number of clubs this year. There were 543 delegates and 157 visitors. Seventh District, the hostess city, again headed the list with 120, and 5th District second with 52.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, had been appointed Inspector of Elections. The tellers were appointed by the Chairmen of the Districts. Four hundred votes were cast and Mrs. Clark Fairbank was re-elected President.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions endorsed the establishment of a National Dunes Park; stressed better motion pictures; regulation of billboards; approval of the work proposed by the Women's and Girls' Division of the U. S. Employment Service; recommended the appointment of a committee to endorse requests of persons or organizations not members of the Federation; enlarging of Press activities; revision of the Constitution to be reported at the 1917 Convention.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

FORT WAYNE, OCTOBER 23, 24, 25, 26, 1917

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2. Mrs. O. M. Williams, Mooresville.
3. Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Orleans.
4. Mrs. Fannie Rabb Green, Rising Sun.
5. Mrs. Joseph E. Prewitt, Plainfield.
6. Mrs. Guy Abercrombie, Rushville.
7. Mrs. Ralph Kennington, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. Emogene Taft Lesh, Muncie.
9. Mrs. Sam Matthews, Tipton.
10. Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Crown Point.
11. Mrs. Jas. Wilson, Wabash.
12. Mrs. William Ballou, LaGrange.
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Resolutions, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.

Chairmen Special Committees

State Endowment Fund, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
Coliseum, Mrs. John P. Kenower, Huntington.

Revisions, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, West Lafayette.
Extension, Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw.
Motion Pictures, Mrs. David Ross, Indianapolis.
Pioneer Mother Memorial, Miss Charity Dye, Indianapolis.
Endorsement, Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank, Fort Wayne.

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Forestry and Waterways, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
Public Health, Mrs. W. W. Thornton, Indianapolis.
Red Cross Seal Committee, Mrs. O. C. Lukenbill, Indianapolis.
Home Economics and Food Sanitation, Professor Mary L. Matthews, West Lafayette.
Americanization, Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis.
Blind, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
State Charities, Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute.
Housing, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Blanch L. Utz, New Albany.

"DISCUSSION"

The formal opening of the 1917 Convention of the Indiana Federation was held in the Assembly Room of the Anthony Hotel in Fort Wayne, Tuesday evening, October 23. Mrs. A. E. Fauve, General Chairman of the local committee and President of the Fort Wayne Wom-

an's Club League, presided and extended greetings. Mrs. Fauve deeply regretted the illness of the President, Mrs. Clark Fairbank, which prevented her being present. (Mrs. Fairbank had also been unable to attend any of the Federation meetings during the year, due to her illness.) Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, First Vice President, responded.

Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, President of the General Federation, was the honored guest and speaker of the evening. Mrs. Cowles spoke on the all-dominating topic, "The War," and showed in many ways how club women could help in solving the many and varied problems arising each day. "She told of her own keen sense of responsibility in taking an oath to the Government that she would co-ordinate her great organization of women with other organizations for the National defense, especially in food conservation.

Following the address a program of music was given by the members of the Morning Musical of Fort Wayne and an informal reception was held that all might meet Mrs. Cowles.

"Discussion" was the keynote of the Convention and the following questions were discussed at the Council Meeting held prior to the formal opening: "What Has the Vocational School Done for Your City?" "In Which Department of the Federation Work is Your Club Most Interested?" "Would Fewer Committees With Smaller Membership Serve the Purposes of the Federation?" "Would a Midwinter Meeting of the Chairmen of State and District Committees Be Helpful?"

Miss Vida Newsom, reporting on the Endowment Fund, said that contributions were not up to last year, but good reasons (no doubt due to war activities of our club women) were assigned for the falling off. Fifteen names have been placed on the Honor Roll. Twelfth District still has the distinction of having paid in the largest amount, \$752.50; Seventh is second with \$685.10, and Sixth, third with \$464.35. Miss Newsom continued as chairman of the Fund until its completion in 1919.

THE DUNE COUNTRY

The preservation of the Dune Country was a part of the report of the Forestry and Waterway Committee, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Chairman. Mrs. Sheehan said in part: ". . . such preservation is to retain for our people as an outing place a portion of the most beautiful waterway of our State—Lake Michigan—which industries and railroads threaten to take from us. . . . We have cooperated with all other organizations working for this same end—namely the Dunes Pageant Association—which presented the wonderful pageant of June 3rd in which South Bend, Valparaiso and Gary each gave an episode. We have cooperated also with the National Dunes Park Association of which your chairman is secretary.

"This organization is incorporated in our own State with headquarters at Gary, Indiana, working for the sole purpose of conserving

the Dunes and looking forward to the time when it shall be opportune for them to raise money for the purchase of the land which shall be the nucleus for Dune Park."

The Conservation Committee had prepared an exhibit consisting of etchings by Mr. Earl H. Reed, Chicago, author of "The Dune Country;" a group of paintings by Mrs. Flora T. McCaig, Chicago, and an Herbarium of the most famous Dune flora and a collection of photographs.

Mrs. Sheehan closed her report with an excerpt from an address by Theodore Jessup: "Here we have the works of one hundred times one thousand years, by such artists as the glaciers, water, wind, and sun, until you find them a park perfect, beautiful; a fairyland; a land of dreams; a land of remoteness; a land of solitudes; a land of long beaches; a land so fair and fine no city park could be made to equal it by the expenditure of countless millions."

We read that only three counties in the State remain without public libraries. "The clubs all over the State have responded to the plea for books for our soldiers at Fort Benjamin Harrison," said Mrs. John H. Smith, Spencer, Chairman of Library Extension. "We are sure they will do their full part in assisting the move now on foot to establish libraries at all camps, and to follow our men to France with books and papers from home."

The Seventh Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibit, composed of 47 paintings by Indiana artists, was shown in 20 cities and one free Scholarship was issued to John Herron Art Institute.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Chairman of the Political Science Committee for Indiana, has been appointed to the same chairmanship in the GFWC and she is outlining plans for an elementary course of study of Municipal Government.

Mrs. David Ross, Indianapolis, Chairman of Junior Motion Pictures for the Federation, said the committee had already outgrown its original name of "Indorsers of Junior Motion Pictures" and is now known as "Indorsers of Photo Plays," which includes good plays not only for the junior but for the whole family circle.

Baby Week had been observed generally; the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers along the Lincoln Highway had been stressed; the women were urged to adopt the GFWC Pledge "I will use only those amounts of food required for adequate nourishment. I will endeavor to control waste in all kinds of materials in the household and to live simply." Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon when reporting on the passage of a supplemental housing law, closed with "So now, good people, go to it and clean up your towns. The local health officer, or building inspector, must enforce it, and the State Board of Health has ultimate power. . . . So our next step must be to get the ALL TIME OFFICER. Help us to work for this end." Sales of work made by the blind had been held in every District, Sixth heading the list with \$83.20.

PIONEER MOTHER MEMORIAL

The Memorial to the Pioneer Mother of Indiana, a movement begun in 1916, under the direction of Miss Charity Dye, has now been regularly incorporated, reported the President, Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston. "America's declaration of war in April, 1917, has in a way retarded funds." However, \$2,500 had been intrusted to Mr. Evans Woollen, President of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company.

The officers of the Association are—

President Emeritus, Miss Charity Dye.

President, Mrs. Samuel M. Ralston.

Vice Presidents, Mrs. Laura McCune Kregelo, Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank, Mrs. C. S. Denny, Mrs. John N. Carey, Mrs. William Garr.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary E. Eichrodt.

Recording Secretary, Miss Alma E. Sickler.

Treasurer, Evans Woollen.

Auditor, Mrs. John H. Holliday.

Aside from Mrs. Cowles, GFWC President, there were many noted speakers. Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, Minneapolis, chairman of the Press Committee of the GFWC, and a President in the making, spoke on "Getting Middle-Aged." "Mrs. Winter's address was sparkling with wit and good humor, enjoyable and instructive. It told in the most eloquent manner the old, old story, 'Abolish Selfishness and Don't Worry.'" Mrs. Winter is one of the most dearly loved Past Presidents of the General Federation today. Other speakers were—Prof. Wm. E. Smyser, of Ohio Wesleyan University; Miss Grace Parker, of New York, a leader in the work of the National League of Woman's Service; Mrs. Frederick Schoff, Philadelphia, President of the National Congress of Mothers. Mrs. Schoff, in replying to a question of the relation of Parent-Teacher clubs to Federation, recommended cooperation rather than absorption. Miss Helen R. Stewart, Ohio State Supervising Nurse; Dr. J. N. Hurty, Indianapolis; Dr. William Lowe Bryan, President of Indiana University, and Mr. Charles Niezer, Fort Wayne.

TWO-YEAR TENURE OF OFFICE

From the business reports we read of a recommendation adopted—"That Federation officers be elected every two years, taking office on the first January after election. That the President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Auditor be elected in the off years and the First Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Federation Secretary in the even years.

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, was appointed on a committee to assist Mr. Evans Woollen, Commissioner for Fuel Conservation.

The District Gavel, for bringing in the greatest number of clubs during the year, passed from the 7th District to the 10th District.

It was decided at an Executive Meeting of the Board that Indiana was opposed to dispensing with the office of Federation Secretary and later in the sessions Mrs. Fred McCullough, Fort Wayne, was elected to that office.

A memorial was read to Mrs. Charles M. Walker, who for twenty-five years was President of the German Literary Club of Indianapolis, and active in the founding of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs.

MEMBERSHIP

Forty-eight new clubs, with a membership of 2,000, were received this year. Nineteen clubs disbanded or withdrew from Federation, with a loss of 711 members. The net gain for the year, 29, making a total of 485 clubs. The membership in the GFWC remains the same with one new club and one withdrawal.

Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne, Chairman of Credentials, reported 379 delegates and 51 visitors in attendance. The hostess District, 12th, had 51 and the 13th, 44.

Nominations for President were Mrs. O. B. Jamison, Indianapolis (who later withdrew her name), Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, and Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo. Mrs. Moore was reported elected.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions pledged loyalty and service to the Government in this hour of its great peril and need, by subscribing to the Liberty Loan, conserving food, work with the Red Cross; pledged aid in effecting the restoration of the countries of Europe that have been so terribly devastated and do our full part in caring for the fatherless children and widows of Belgium and France. Miss Clara Gilbert, Kendallville, proposed that a telegram be sent to President Woodrow Wilson, assuring him of the hearty support and cooperation of the club women of Indiana.



Eleanor Jones Moore

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 19, 20, 21, 1918

Thirtieth Annual Convention

KOKOMO, OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 24, 1919

PRESIDENT

MRS. JOHN E. MOORE, KOKOMO

Eleanor M. Jones, daughter of Calvin and Mahala Jones, was born in western Howard County and has lived in this county practically all her life. Her parents were pioneer settlers of Howard County, both dying when she was just entering her teens.

Mrs. Moore was educated in the district public schools, high schools and Indiana State Normal College. She began teaching when sixteen years old and continued in that profession for twenty-five years, teaching in country, village, city grades, and then principal of grade schools.

She married John Edward Moore, November 28, 1901, and Mr. Moore passed away February 4, 1922.

Mrs. Moore became interested in Club and Federation activities after her teaching was discontinued. She, with Mr. Moore, traveled extensively in our own country and abroad, thus adding much to her education.

She attended the General Federation Convention in Chicago when Mrs. Percy Pennybacker was President, and has attended many of the national conventions and councils since then.

Mrs. Moore was founder of the Department Club of Kokomo, and served thirteen years as its President. Her last official act being completing the purchase of the Club House.

Being a lifelong Republican, she has always had a vital interest in the life and history of our country.

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Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Winchester.

General Federation Director, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

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3. Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Orleans.
4. Mrs. Fannie Rabb Green, Rising Sun.
5. Mrs. S. A. Hazelet, Greencastle.
6. Mrs. Guy Abercrombie, Rushville.
7. Mrs. Ralph Kennington, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. Albert Kehrer, Anderson.
9. Mrs. C. J. Davis, Greentown.
10. Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Crown Point.
11. Mrs. James Wilson, Wabash.
12. Mrs. George Beugnot, Auburn.
13. Mrs. A. J. Dillon, Rochester.

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Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman.
Program, Mrs. Ovid Butler Jameson, Indianapolis.
Credentials, Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Fort Wayne.
Election Board, Mrs. Ida M. Mix, Kokomo.
Resolutions, Mrs. Charles P. Drummond, South Bend.
Revisions, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City.
Endorsement, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo.

Special Committees

State Endowment Fund, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
Pioneer Mother Memorial, Miss Charity Dye, Indianapolis.

Departments

EDUCATION

Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Frankfort, Chairman.
Art, Mrs. Jesse W. Riddle, Lawrenceburg.
Literature, Mrs. Eva Marble Bondy, Valparaiso.
History, Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville.
Music, Mrs. George R. Eckert, Indianapolis.
Library Extension, Mrs. W. E. Sollenberger, Kokomo.
Federation Extension, Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw.
Parent-Teacher Clubs, Mrs. Horace F. Campbell, Frankfort.
Political Science, Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis.
Motion Pictures, Mrs. David Ross, Indianapolis.

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Public Health, Mrs. Amos Carter, Plainfield.
Home Economics and Rural Life, Professor Mary L. Matthews,
West Lafayette.
Americanization, Mrs. Isaac Born, Indianapolis.
Cooperative Committee for Blind, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
Public Parks, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Philip Zoercher, Indianapolis, Chairman.
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Civil Service Reform and Charities, Mrs. J. W. Morrison, Huntington.
Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. George Leggett, Winchester.
Press Bureau, Mrs. Ruth Ross Herrman, Kokomo.
Reciprocity, Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs convened at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, November 19, 20, 21, 1918.

Mrs. Moore writes as follows of the several years prior to her assuming the Presidency: "I was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Indiana Federation at the then Ninth Annual Convention, held in Indianapolis, October, 1915, and reelected to the same office at the next Convention, November, 1916. This was two years of fine experience, under the leadership of our President, Carolyn R. Fairbank. Our relationship was very close. Because of her advanced illness, the Corresponding Secretary had added responsibilities.

"The Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention was held in Fort Wayne, October, 1917, at which time I was elected President, the term of office to begin January 1, 1918. Because of the serious illness of Mrs. Fairbank, I had to take over much of the work of President immediately after the 1917 Convention.

THE MASKED CONVENTION

"The Convention held in Indianapolis, November, 1918, has gone down in history as 'The Masked Convention.' This was during the flu epidemic and the Board of Health required all delegates and visitors to wear masks while in Convention assembled. Because of the flu the Convention closed one day early.

"There was a fine attendance, all of the officers, six Honorary members, eleven District Chairmen, all three Department Chairmen, twelve Chairmen of Committees, forty Club Presidents, and scores of delegates. So, in spite of this 'mask' handicap we had a fine Convention." (The Convention had been postponed from October to November, due to the flu epidemic.)

"On the evening of the formal opening," writes Mrs. Moore, "there was a beautiful pageant with a processional and songs of the Nations. (France was represented by Mrs. George Eckert; England by Mrs. Robert Kinnaird; America by Mrs. Carl Emmert. Miss Genevieve E. Downs represented Joan of Arc.) Two buglers from Fort Benjamin Harrison announced the entrance of the processional."

Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw, Second Vice President, responded to the address of welcome given by Paul T. Haines in the absence of Governor Goodrich.

The keynote of the address by the President, Mrs. Moore, was "Americanization," in which she was so vitally interested. This was followed by the Hon. Calvin N. Kendall, Commissioner of Education of New Jersey, former Superintendent of Indianapolis Schools, who spoke on "Education Demanded by Public Life." The evening closed with the orchestra playing "The Americans Are Coming." There evidently was no reception, due no doubt to the epidemic.

FIRST CONVENTION RULES

We find the first set of Rules governing the Convention were read by Mrs. W. W. Reed, appointed by the President. They contained the following: “. . . no one be allowed to enter the hall while anyone was speaking, that we adhere to the rules of the Board of Health by wearing a flu mask, and that all hats be removed.”

Mrs. Moore, in her report of the year's work said: “The First Vice President, with the assistance of the District Chairmen, arranged an itinerary which enabled the President to go from one District Meeting directly to another, thus conserving her strength and time, and the finances of the Districts.” She attended all but one District Convention, and her message was “Our Federation,” showing its relation to District, County and club, and the relation of each of these to the whole.

COUNTY FEDERATIONS

“As a means of closer cooperation and efficiency, the County Federation was recommended and,” as Mrs. Moore says, “the response to this call was most gratifying.

“A delightful experience was attending the GFWC Biennial Convention (first week in May, 1918), known as the ‘War Service Biennial,’ which was held in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The theme for State President's night was ‘What My State Has Done to Help Win the War.’

WAR VICTORY FUND

“At this Convention the pledge of the States was made to raise two million dollars, War Victory Fund, to send hostesses to the Furlough Houses in France.” Mrs. McWhirter, State Director from Indiana, stood at the Convention in Hot Springs, and pledged with the other States, the raising of \$2,000,000. Indiana raised \$9,429.46. Of this amount \$6,500 was used to pay the expenses of Miss Gassaway of Seymour, and Miss Dora Bossart Evans of Indianapolis to France, where they assisted in the entertaining at the Furlough Houses.

“The chief work of the President, during the first year, was to encourage every club to do its full patriotic duty, but not to cease club activities which were needed more than ever before to relieve some of the tension and anxiety of those terrible days. No body of women could have a finer spirit of loyalty and service to the Nation, the State and the Federation than was manifested by our own club women. We cooperated with the Woman's Committee of the State's Council of Defense and trained women were made chairmen of most of the important committees.

“January 23, 1918, a circular letter was sent to Officers, District Department and County Chairmen asking for prompt response in writing Governor Goodrich, commending his purpose to appoint a woman factory inspector and recommending our own Mrs. Arthur T.

Cox for the new office. We were assured that our recommendations were influential in securing this appointment."

Letters were also mailed to all clubs regarding the Bone Dry Prohibition as a war measure, a resolution which had been passed at the General Federation Biennial.

Mrs. Moore said in closing her report: "The war has broadened our vision, rid us of much selfishness and strengthened the bonds of unity."

"During the administration of Mrs. Fairbank," continues Mrs. Moore, "the Press Bureau did some excellent work by sending official and club news to the District Press Chairmen, they to get it into the Press of the Districts. During 1918 the very efficient Press Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Ross Herrman, in cooperation with the President inaugurated a new publicity program. Being a newspaper woman, Mrs. Herrman was able to get our news put in our 'Kokomo Tribune' and proof sheets were furnished us free. These were mailed out every two weeks to more than 40 newspapers in all parts of the State. The subject matter for these bulletins was furnished by State, District and County Officers and Clubs."

Miss Vida Newsom reported that practically all the money, \$5,375, contributed by the clubs and individuals to the State Endowment Fund has been invested in Liberty Bonds. Seventeen names are now on the Honor Roll.

Through contests held among high school students, conducted by the Art Committee, an educational exhibit of the student's work was held and two free Scholarships were placed for John Herron Art Institute.

The Convention endorsed a communication read by Mrs. H. C. Burnet, former Art Chairman, which had been sent to the Governor, asking that a law be enacted whereby a State Art Commission might be appointed. (This we learn did not pass.)

THE AMERICAN POETS' AMBULANCE FUND

Mrs. Eva Marble Bondy reported club women contributed generously to "The American Poets' Ambulance Fund," supervised by Robert Underwood Johnson. The 2nd District, where William Vaughn was born, and for whom one of the ambulances was named, contributed \$21.60.

FIRST AMERICAN SOLDIER TO DIE IN WORLD WAR

The History Committee, Mrs. W. J. Torrance, reported "James Bethel Gresham, Evansville, was the first American soldier to fall on French soil in actual engagement with German troops. He was the son of a Confederate soldier. To his memory the people of Evansville erected and furnished a home for his mother, Mrs. Alice Dodd."

An outline of "The Countries at War," a pamphlet prepared by

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, chairman of the Political Science Committee in the state as well as the GFWC, was printed by the General Federation, exhibited at the Biennial at Hot Springs and used in many states of the Union.

The slogan by Theodore Roosevelt, "One Flag, One Language, One Country," was adopted by the Americanization Committee, Mrs. Isaac Born, Chairman.

Mrs. Philip Zoercher, Legislative Chairman, recommended re-endorsement of the five measures heretofore endorsed.

1. Prohibition.
2. Woman Suffrage.
3. Constitutional Convention for Indiana.
4. All-time Health Officer.
5. Woman Factory Inspector.

She said: "It is not sufficient that we merely recommend and endorse a proposition, we must work for its accomplishment and not cease until satisfactory results have been obtained."

Of the Federation Dinner, Mrs. Moore says: "It was one of the most delightful reunions in the history of the Federation. Under Mrs. Jameson's direction (program chairman) 'An Evening With Hoosier Authors' was beautifully rendered."

Among the speakers were: Mr. M. E. Foley, Mr. Fred A. Sims, Dr. H. E. Barnard, Owen Davies Odell, D. D., and Dr. G. H. Powell from Washington, D. C., a special representative of Herbert Hoover, food administrator.

Mrs. A. T. Cox, now a member of the Industrial Board, asked the club women to see that reconstruction in industries be not confined to men alone and advocated ". . . equal pay for equal work."

HONORARY PRESIDENTS

"On motion of Mrs. I. N. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. W. E. Reed, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith was made Honorary President of the Indiana Federation, as a mark of respect to the Past President, Mrs. Fairbank, who had long desired that this be done." Later in the sessions we read: "Upon motion of Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, seconded by Miss Vida Newsom, Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, of Valparaiso, was also so honored."

Mrs. Meredith was the only President who served two terms. She was President of the Indiana Union in 1895 and again in 1906. Mrs. Kinsey served as the first President of the consolidated body. No finer tribute could have been accorded these two women than that bestowed upon them at this convention meeting.

Miss Merica Hoagland (President Indiana Union, 1897) moved that the sessions close Thursday night, owing to the very serious epidemic of influenza, which was done.

AUDITOR

A resolution, which was approved, read: "In order that the affairs of the Federation be put on a business basis, at the end of the present year, the office of Auditor be abolished and the books be submitted to a public auditing company to be selected by the Board of Trustees."

SPRING CONVENTION

Two motions made which evidently were not passed had to do with the appointment of the Corresponding Secretary instead of by election, in order that she might be from the home town of the President to facilitate the work of the Federation. The other was the changing of the time of the State Convention from Fall to Spring, beginning in 1920. It was not, however, until 1934 that action was taken on the last named and which resulted in the change. (See Mrs. Hicks' administration.)

GFWC DIRECTOR A VOTING MEMBER

It was at this 1919 Convention that the GFWC Director was made a voting member of the Executive Committee. It was also decided to continue membership in the Legislative Council of Indiana Women.

MEMBERSHIP

The Year Book listed 502 clubs in the Indiana Federation with a membership of 23,340. Forty new clubs with a membership of 1,333 were accepted during the year; 22 were lost with 1,136 members. Eighty clubs are on the GFWC roster and of that number six are delinquent.

The District Gavel was presented by Mrs. E. C. Rumpler to Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Crown Point, 10th District, with nine new clubs to their credit.

The Trustees were, as always, very careful of the funds of the Federation and reported having the unused stationery reprinted and furnishing paper badges instead of ribbon. We read, however, that three books of reports were printed, the Advance Reports, Year Book and Directory.

The following telegram was sent to President Wilson, at the request of the Executive Committee: ". . . asking clemency for the boys in France condemned to death for having slept at their posts of duty," and a very satisfactory answer was received.

\$1,407 was reported from the sale of goods made by the blind; 195 delegates were in attendance. We read from the minutes that Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl moved: ". . . that as there was no contest for office the rules be suspended and the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot on the day set for the election." This was done and we find Mrs. John Edward Moore re-elected President.

DEATH OF MRS. CAROLYN RANDALL FAIRBANK

Memorial services for Mrs. Carolyn Randall Fairbank, who passed away June 1, 1918, were given by Mrs. I. N. Taylor of Fort Wayne; Mrs. W. J. Torrance in memory of Mrs. Charles Wedding, and Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke for Mrs. Helen M. Baumgaertner.

RESOLUTIONS

Among the Resolutions we read: That Americanization be made an important part of the work of the Federation for 1918-1919; that the work started by the Governor of Indiana be aided by establishing a permanent Woman's and Children's Bureau; that we continue our efforts to provide for the needs of our soldiers and sailors, and assisting the people of France and Belgium; that we contribute to the work of the Red Cross, Y. W. C. A., and War Victory Commission; conserve on food, and assist in the great work of reconstruction.

That we endorse the resolution passed by the United Presbyterian Synod of Indiana, which requests a speedy trial of the Kaiser and his military counsellors before a military tribunal and that a copy of this resolution be sent to President Wilson. They asked that a woman be represented at the Peace Conference in France.

"So this year of 1918 closed with a feeling of work well done," said Mrs. Moore, "and the desire to continue our stewardship during the reconstruction period in the spirit expressed by Browning—

One who never turned back, but marched breast forward;
 Never doubted clouds would break,
 Never dreamed the right were worsted, wrong would triumph;
 Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep to wake."

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

KOKOMO, OCTOBER 21, 22, 23, 24, 1919

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo.
 First Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Crown Point.
 Second Vice President, Mrs. William A. Morris, Frankfort.
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Roach, Richmond.
 Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emogene Taft-Lesh, Muncie.
 Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Smith, Indianapolis.
 GFWC Secretary, Mrs. Fred McCullough, Fort Wayne.

Trustees

Mrs. Samuel E. Perkins, Indianapolis, Chairman.
 Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Secretary.
 Mrs. Arthur T. Cox, Indianapolis.
 GFWC Director, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

Honorary Presidents

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Lafayette.

Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.

District Chairmen

1. Mrs. E. H. Lacke, Newburg.
2. Mrs. A. M. Beasley, Linton.
3. Mrs. C. N. Lindley, Salem.
4. Miss Emma Volland, Columbus.
5. Mrs. W. T. Cheney, Terre Haute.
6. Mrs. J. W. Larrimore, Greenfield.
7. Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. Ella Bagot Kehrer, Muncie.
9. Mrs. Charles J. Davis, Greentown.
10. Mrs. G. H. Fiefield, Whiting.
11. Mrs. Myra Stewart-Gordon, Logansport.
12. Mrs. J. M. Richer, South Whitley.
13. Mrs. A. J. Dillon, Rochester.

Chairmen Business Committees

Council Program for Jan. 15, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis.
 Credentials, Mrs. Harvey L. Van Dorin, Indianapolis.
 Election Board, Mrs. Ida M. Mix, Kokomo.
 Endorsement, Mrs. John Edward Moore, Kokomo.
 Program, Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville.
 Resolutions, Mrs. Charles P. Drummond, South Bend.

Chairmen Special Committees

Americanization, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Gary.
 Badge, Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis.
 Federation Extension, Mrs. Wm. A. Morris, Frankfort.
 Motion Pictures, Mrs. David Ross, Indianapolis.
 State Endowment, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
 Cooperation for Blind, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.

Chairmen Bureaus

Press, Miss Lena M. Shannon, Kokomo.
 Reciprocity, Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria.

Departments

EDUCATION

Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Muncie, Chairman.
 School Patrons, Mrs. L. N. Hines, Crawfordsville.
 Kindergartens, Mrs. Blaine Hayes, Corydon.
 School Revenue, Mrs. E. E. Ramsey, Bloomington.
 School Health, Mrs. F. F. Pettijohn, Indianapolis.
 Vocational Supervision, Miss Mary Latta, Indianapolis.
 Adult Illiteracy, Mrs. Adolph Schmuck, Indianapolis.

ART

Mrs. Jessie W. Riddle, Lawrenceburg, Chairman.
 Industrial Art, Miss Mary Overbeck, Cambridge City.
 Civic Art, Mrs. B. O. Fink, Auburn.
 Fine Arts, Mrs. Oscar D. Johnson, Lafayette.
 Art Education, Mrs. C. W. Olcott, Aurora.
 Music, Community Music and Junior Musicals, Mrs. Edward Bailey
 Birge, Indianapolis.
 Club Music, Mrs. Ralph B. Clark, Indianapolis.
 School Music, Mrs. Ada Kent Phipps, Frankfort.
 Literature, Mrs. Eva Marble Bondy, Valparaiso.
 Bible Literature, Mrs. F. E. Hunter, Indianapolis.
 Folk Lore and Pageantry, Mrs. James Wilson, Wabash.
 Drama, Miss Mary Bain, Martinsville.
 Poetry, Mrs. Lalah R. Warner, Muncie.
 Library Extension, Mrs. W. E. Sollenberger, Kokomo.
 History, Mrs. E. W. Barrett, Muncie.
 Parent-Teacher, Mrs. Horace F. Campbell, Frankfort.
 Political Science, Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis.

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Mrs. L. S. Fickenscher, South Bend, Chairman.
 Land Army, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, Wabash.
 Public Parks, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
 Civics, Mrs. Marguerite Grouleff, Greensburg.
 Home Economics and Rural Life, Professor Mary L. Matthews,
 Lafayette.
 Public Health, Mrs. Amos Carter, Plainfield.

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 Civil Service Reform and Charities, Mrs. J. W. Morrison, Hunting-
 ton.
 Industrial and Social Conditions, Miss Merica Hoagland, Indian-
 apolis.

"AMERICANIZATION"

The Thirtieth Annual Convention was held in Kokomo, October 21, 22, 23, 1919.

In speaking of that past year Mrs. Moore writes: "At the beginning of the year the Executive Committee, realizing how critical was the situation, felt that if we were able to keep the organization intact with the departments and committees doing some work, with probably no new clubs, we would be doing well. The gratifying fact is that the committees have been very active, District Chairmen were filled with

zeal, and forty new clubs with a membership of 1,333 have been added to our roll. Only six of the clubs heard from had dropped regular club work. We were proud of this record."

Of the Council Meeting held in Indianapolis in January, Mrs. Moore says: "... attendance and interest was almost equal to a State Convention. The major work for the year, 'Americanization' under the efficient Chairman, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Gary, proved most successful. Clubs gave the work prominent place on their programs. The outline of work was published in the GFWC Magazine and inquiries about the work came from many States. . . . If democracy was to be safe for our country, we must have a common language, a common citizenship, a common standard of living, an united people ready for the future."

THE ELEANOR JONES MOORE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

From the minutes we find that Mrs. W. A. Morris, Second Vice President, outlined plans for "The Eleanor Jones Moore Membership Campaign for 1919." Mrs. Moore said: "While the goal, a new club from each county, was not attained, yet 52 new clubs with a membership of over 1,800 were admitted to the Federation as a result of this campaign."

The District Chairmen showed by their reports that a great deal of fine work had been accomplished. At this time we note that the First Vice President was Chairman of District Chairmen, which is just the reverse of their standing at this time.

Dean Caroline Shumaker, of Purdue University, addressed the Council Meeting on "Women," after which the Convention adjourned to meet for an Art Luncheon at the Francis Hotel.

The formal opening was held in the Grace M. E. Church, Mrs. Moore presiding. The address of welcome by Mrs. H. A. Bruner, representing the Howard County Federated Clubs, and that of Mr. J. E. Frederich, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Kokomo, was responded to by our new Honorary President, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith.

THE ROOSEVELT PLEDGE

Due to the serious illness of Mr. Moore, the President was unable to prepare an address. The short talk she gave, however, was filled with American ideals and suggestions. At the request of Mrs. Moore, the Roosevelt Pledge was taken:

- One Flag, the American Flag;
- One Language, the Language of the Declaration of Independence;
- One Loyalty, the Loyalty of the American People.

With interesting reports of the Mid-Biennial Council, another address by Dean Shumaker on "Americanization," and a musical pro-

gram in honor of Mrs. Moore, presented by the Kokomo Matinee Musicale, the formal opening closed.

The President had been able to attend only two of the District Meetings. She says: "This made the correspondence of the office very heavy, as special messages were sent to each District Chairman. The co-operation and loyalty of the Districts, Counties and Clubs was most gratifying. . . . The Clubs of Howard County did splendid work in planning and caring for this Convention, for which the President was deeply grateful." Mrs. Moore stressed again County Organization and reported: "Assisted by the First Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Gibbs . . . at the close of the year every District showed some work done . . . some having one fourth, some one half, others three fourths of the counties organized."

FIRST COUNTY 100% ORGANIZED

"The 13th District, under the untiring efforts of the Chairman, Mrs. A. J. Dillon, had County Federations in each of the eight counties of the District." A County Federation Banner was presented to Mrs. Dillon by Mrs. Moore for her work of organizing the counties.

SUGGESTION FOR STATE BULLETIN

"During the year the plan of press publicity," says Mrs. Moore, "was continued by the Press Chairman, Miss Lena Shannon of Kokomo. Being another newspaper woman, she secured the same generous response from the 'Kokomo Dispatch,' with the result that 859 bulletins in 18 different issues and 600 special bulletins were sent out from Miss Shannon's office. We were reaching 51 newspapers. The press budget was \$25, but of this amount only \$18.85 was used. The President and Press Chairman recommended that a state-wide publication consisting of an eight-page folder be issued by the Federation. This recommendation was carried out during the second year of the next administration."

FIRST LITERARY CONTEST

The Literature Committee, Mrs. Eva M. Bondy, Valparaiso, Chairman, held the first contest in Literature in the Federation. "Awards went to Mrs. Stella Lodge Edwards, Indianapolis, for her story, 'Light of the World'; to Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, South Bend, for her essay, 'Interpreting America'; to Virginia Roselyn, Warsaw, for her poem, 'Credo.'" (Historical Edition Club Woman.)

Mrs. L. S. Fickensher, South Bend, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, had asked the clubs to assist the National Audubon Society to erect a Memorial Fountain to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt.

Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Chairman of the Public Parks Committee, stated: ". . . The GFWC, through its Chairman of Conservation, Mrs. John Sherman, had chosen our own Dune Country as one

of two National Park projects on which the GFWC should lay most stress during the coming club year."

"Down with the Slum; Up With the Child" was the slogan for the Housing and Child Welfare Committee, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Chairman. "Homes for All the Orphan Children In Indiana" was the line of thought stressed by the Committee on Civil Service Reform and Charities, Mrs. Ethel Brady Morrison, Huntington, Chairman. One thousand eight hundred dollars worth of goods made by the blind of our state have been sold and still two large sales to be heard from was the report of Mrs. E. K. Montgomery.

With the slogan, "Save First, Spend Afterwards," the club women were made conscious of their responsibility in this after-the-war activity, as reported by Mrs. Julia C. Henderson, Indianapolis, who had been appointed Thrift Chairman in compliance with a request from the General Federation.

Twelve pictures were reported as sold from the Indiana Artists' Traveling Exhibit, which had been shown in 18 cities. One scholarship had been placed for the John Herron Art Institute.

The Indiana Board of Endorsers for Motion Pictures was the one club accepted into membership in the GFWC. One hundred and fifty subscriptions were received for the GFWC Magazine.

Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Chairman of Trustees, reported the following amounts in the Educational Loan Funds: Purdue, \$322.20, and Indiana University, \$358.19, which by consent of the Convention body was each increased to \$400. Eleven loans had been made to ten students.

ENDOWMENT FUND

"OVER THE TOP BY OCTOBER"

A request had gone out to the clubs by Miss Vida Newsom, Chairman, that the club women submit songs using the words of the slogan, "Over the Top by October," to be used at Convention time. Many club women sent in songs and one by Mrs. Oscar S. Smith, Kokomo, was sung at the State Convention. But, said Mrs. Moore: "... the top was not reached in October. Now we may rejoice, for on January 1, 1920, the 24 founders and the clubs of the State had contributed \$8,022.85. The War Victory Fund balance added to this made a total of \$10,875.20. WE WERE NOW 'OVER THE TOP.'"

"All District Chairmen," said Miss Newsom, "even though their Districts have not yet contributed their full quotas, deserve much credit for the success of the Endowment Fund Committee work."

ENDOWMENT FUND FOUNDERS

The list of Endowment Fund Founders (those giving \$100 or more) which appears in every Year Book of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, is by action of the Convention, 1914.

- 1915—Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.
 1915—Mrs. V. H. Lockwood, Indianapolis (Memorial by Woman's Department Club.)
 1916—Mrs. Carolyn Fairbank, Fort Wayne.
 1916—Woman's Club, Elwood.
 1916—Progress Club, South Bend.
 1916—Morning Musical, Fort Wayne.
 1916—Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
 1916—Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.
 1916—Mrs. Charles R. Dryer, Fort Wayne.
 1916—Woman's Club, Indianapolis.
 1916—Mrs. Charles M. Walker, Indianapolis.
 1916—Woman's Club, Valparaiso.
 1917—Mrs. James Goodrich, Winchester.
 1917—Woman's Club League, Fort Wayne.
 1917—Clio Club, Connersville (Memorial for Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl.)
 1917—Seventh District Federation (in honor of Mrs. R. E. Kennington.)
 1918—Woman's Club, Mishawaka.
 1918—Mrs. Alice Foster McCullough, Fort Wayne.
 1919—Mrs. Frank C. Ball, Muncie.
 1919—Monday Club, Indianapolis.
 1919—Department Club, Greensburg.
 1919—Mrs. Eli P. Meyers, Elwood (Memorial for her Mother.)
 1919—Mrs. Robert H. Strong (Memorial by Woman's Department Club, Indianapolis.)
 1919—Woman's Club, Hammond.

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

The Committee to consider the advisability of the Indiana Federation of Clubs purchasing and maintaining the old Fauntleroy Home, the birthplace of the Minerva Club, in New Harmony, Indiana, recommended the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED. That the Indiana Federation of Clubs undertake the purchase and maintenance of the old Fauntleroy Home and that the President appoint a committee to consider and perfect plans for carrying out the above project.

Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Chairman,
 Mrs. A. J. Dillon,
 (Signed) Elizabeth Claypool Earl,
 Grace Julian Clarke.

Mrs. F. M. Hostetter described in detail the Fauntleroy Home and presented to the Convention, Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, "... the owner of the property, who spoke of assembling the interesting furnishings and their historical importance." It was not, however, until 1923, during Mrs. O. M. Pittinger's administration, that the final purchase of the home was consummated and the shrine of the Indiana Federation of Clubs established in New Harmony.

There were many noted speakers on the program: Mrs. Cyrus R. Perkins, GFWC Chairman of Art; Hon. Hugh S. Magill; Edward Howard Griggs; Mrs. Ella S. Stewart, Vice Chairman of Industrial Conditions of GFWC, and Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, then Second Vice President of the General Federation. There was much fine music and many social events.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions endorsed the movement to create an "Indiana Dunes Park"; ratification of Federal Suffrage Amendment; upheld the "Thrift Habit," and urged advancement of the sale of Government securities. They endorsed high standards of instructors for our blind; the Roosevelt Memorial Association; condemned Dr. Anna Montet, a French physician's vicious propaganda regarding the doctrine of childbirth out of wedlock. Endorsed the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, especially the Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign.

FIRST MONUMENT ERECTED TO A WOMAN IN INDIANA

The resolutions also endorsed the movement sponsored by the Woman's Press Club of Indiana, to erect a suitable monument at Turkey Run to Mrs. Juliet V. Strauss, known as the "Country Contributor." (Mrs. Strauss was a member of an affiliated club of the Indiana Federation as well as a member of the Woman's Press Club, and it was she who was in a great measure responsible for the saving of Turkey Run for a State Park.) The bronze group in the form of a drinking fountain is called "Subjugation" and symbolizes the spiritual victories over the material things of life. Too, it was the first monument in the state to be erected to a woman and designed by a woman.

MEMBERSHIP

The Year Book lists 490 clubs with 22,065 members. "There were some losses," writes Mrs. Moore, "during the two years, but 93 new clubs were enrolled."

The District Gavel was presented jointly to the 9th and 13th Districts, Mrs. C. J. Davis, 9th, keeping the Gavel the first six months of the year and Mrs. A. J. Dillon, 13th District, the latter half. Both Districts brought into the Federation 8 new clubs. There were 372 voting delegates.

With two nominees for President, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler and Mrs. W. J. Torrance, the Election Board reported the election of Mrs. Rumpler.

"Because," writes Mrs. Moore, "of the continued illness of Mr. Moore, it was not possible for the President to accept the office of General Federation Director. Two years of strenuous work under most difficult circumstances, but with a feeling of much accomplished, and with deep gratitude to all who so faithfully stood by and assisted."

ADDENDA

Continuing with the history, Mrs. Moore writes: "Since the close of my administration as President, the Federation has greatly honored me by various appointments. Four and a half years as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, one of the most important positions on the Executive Board, and Parliamentarian under Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan." Mrs. Moore also served as Chairman of Transportation for the Chautauqua, New York, Biennial of the General Federation.

On July 4, 1921, Mrs. Moore represented the Indiana Federation, by appointment of the President, Mrs. Torrance, at the unveiling of the monument erected in honor of Elwood Haynes, Kokomo, inventor of the first automobile. She spoke on behalf of the women's organizations of the state and of the nation before hoisting to its staff the large flag that up to that moment had veiled the block of granite and its Stellite tablet. After hoisting the flag, Mrs. Moore read very effectively the inscription proclaiming Mr. Haynes the inventor of the automobile and founder of the automobile industry in America, and recognizing the Pumpkinville Pike as the road on which the vehicle had been given its initial test. (Bulletin, July, 1922.)

"In 1927 the office of Historian was established by Constitutional Amendment. The President, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, appointed me," writes Mrs. Moore, "as Historian, which office I held continuously from 1927 to 1936 inclusive.

"These long years of service from 1916 to 1936 have been most worthwhile to me. The privilege of service, the realization that much of advancement has occurred, and best of all the joy of the wonderful friendships made and continuing through all the years is more than compensation."



Maude Lucas Rumpler

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Thirty-First Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1920

Thirty-Second Annual Convention

MUNCIE, 1921

PRESIDENT

MAUDE LUCAS RUMPLER (MRS. E. C.), INDIANAPOLIS

Maude Ellen Lucas (Mrs. E. C. Rumpler) was born in Clayton, Adams County, Illinois, and spent her childhood in Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska. While she was still a young girl her father, Daniel R. Lucas, came to Indianapolis to assume the pastorate of the Central Christian Church. She graduated from Shortridge High School, Indianapolis, and attended Drake University, Des Moines, for one year.

During her twentieth year she married Edward C. Rumpler, and

with the exception of fifteen months in Peoria, Illinois, their entire married life has been spent in Indianapolis. They have one daughter, Mary Louise, now the wife of John Paul Ragsdale.

Mrs. Rumpler's Federation activities have given her both honors and responsibilities in other lines. In 1924 Governor Branch appointed her a member of the Board of State Charities for a term of three years. In 1930 she was appointed by Governor Leslie the only woman member of the School Aid Commission created by the Legislature.

Mrs. Rumpler served five years as President of the Legislative Council of Indiana Women, and eight years as Chairman of the Woman's Division of the Near East Relief of Indiana, beginning in 1920. She served as Parliamentarian for the first National Board Meeting held by the American Legion Auxiliary, and has served a number of the National Presidents of the Auxiliary in the same capacity. She has been interested in public affairs and has participated in the program of her political party. She organized and served as the first President of the Indianapolis Woman's Republican Club. In November, 1918, she was appointed a member (one of three women) of the State Committee for the United War Drive. Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl was one of the women and the committee consisted of fourteen members.

Mrs. Rumpler also holds membership in the following organizations: Central Christian (Disciples) Church, Woman's Department Club, Inter Nos and Irvington Tuesday Club, D. A. R., W. C. T. U., and the Society of Indiana Pioneers. She is Treasurer of the National Association of Colleges of the Disciples of Christ, and State President of the Indiana Society of the Dames of the Loyal Legion.

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 Music, Mrs. Elsa Silverstein, Terre Haute.
 School Music, Miss Effie Harmon, South Bend.
 Club Music, Mrs. Edward Bailey Birge, Indianapolis.
 Literature, Mrs. Guido Stemple, Bloomington.
 Bible Literature, Miss Emma King, Indianapolis.
 Folk Lore and Pageantry, Mrs. James Wilson, Wabash.
 Drama, Mrs. John Shropshire Smith, Indianapolis.
 Poetry, Mrs. Lelah B. Warner, Muncie.
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 Industrial and Social Conditions, Mrs. Wilmer F. Christian, Indianapolis.

The Thirty-first Annual Convention was held in Indianapolis, October 26, 27, 28, 1920.

"Because," says Mrs. Rumpler, "of the serious illness of Mrs. Carolyn Randall Fairbank, the State President, she (as first Vice President) presided over the 1917 Convention at Fort Wayne, being ably assisted by Mrs. W. W. Reed, of Warsaw, second Vice President. She also attended six District Conventions in the place of the President during the second year of Mrs. Fairbank's administration.

"At the time of her election to the presidency in 1919, the whole country was still feeling the stress of the war period, and the first aim of the new administration was to build up the numerical strength of

the Federation. Mrs. Moore, Indiana's splendid 'War President,' had succeeded in holding the organization well together in spite of the desire of many clubs to disband and devote all their time to war work. One hundred four new clubs were added to the IFC during 1919-21.

"Mrs. Rumpler attended all the District Conventions both years of her administration. Again and again in her presidential messages she spoke of the importance and influence of the Federation. In addition to these District Conventions the President visited a number of County Conventions and addressed many individual clubs. She was present at the Des Moines Biennial and the Salt Lake City Council meeting. At Des Moines she was toastmistress for the Indiana Dinner, which was attended by 60 persons. (Miss Vida Newsom had charge of arrangements for the dinner.) In February, 1920, she went to Madison, Wisconsin, to the Upper Mississippi Valley Conference.

The formal opening was on Tuesday evening, with Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Chairman of the 7th District, presiding. To the words of greeting from Mrs. Johnson and the welcome by Mr. Walter Jarvis on behalf of the Mayor of Indianapolis, Mrs. S. M. Grimes, Brazil, Corresponding Secretary, responded.

"Federation, Its Work and Possibilities," was the subject of Mrs. Rumpler's address. She stressed the work of the three departments—Education, Conservation and Legislation, and added another Committee—that of the purchase of the Fauntleroy Home.

At the Council Meeting held prior to the formal opening, Miss Newsom led in the discussion on the subject, "The Reorganization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs," and Mrs. S. E. Perkins on "Shall Indiana Have a Spring Convention?"

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The Traveling Exhibit, composed of 52 paintings from 15 Indiana artists, had visited 21 cities; 2d and 8th were the only Districts in the State without County Libraries; the Trustees allowed each District \$20 to be used for a speaker for their Convention, to be paid from the interest on the Endowment Fund, which, as Miss Newsom reported, was "The Finished Task;" The District Gavel went to Mrs. J. L. Larrimore, Greenfield, 6th District, and the banner to Hancock and Henry Counties.

STATE BULLETIN

"Shall we have a State Bulletin?" which question was placed upon the ballot, carried almost unanimously. So Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Indiana Federation of Clubs Bulletin was dated, Indianapolis, January, 1921.

RECIPROCITY COMMITTEE

Of the work of the Reciprocity Committee, Mrs. Rumpler writes: "The inspiration for one far-reaching change in committee appoint-

ments came to the President in the long night watches. Mrs. Benton, of Alexandria, who had built up the Reciprocity Bureau through a period of years, was ill and could not continue. Miss Mary Orvis of the Extension Division of Indiana University, accepted the task and promised full cooperation between the University and the Federation. Since that time the service rendered to the club women of Indiana through package libraries, program material, and later Epsilon Sigma Omicron and other 'Reading With a Purpose' courses, has been immeasurable."

SUFFRAGE A FACT

Mrs. Philip Zoercher, Chairman of the Department of Legislation, said, "... one of the objects for which women in Indiana and the United States have been fighting for more than half a century has been accomplished, the right of suffrage, and the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has been completed, and next Tuesday will see marching to the various voting places a great army of first voters. . . . Our legislative program is all for the benefit of womanhood and childhood of our State . . . the Child Labor Law, School Attendance Law, a law to place a woman on the Industrial Board and the All-time Health Officer Bill."

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME PURCHASE COMMITTEE

"The plan to purchase the old Fauntleroy Home," continues Mrs. Rumpler, was bequeathed to her through a resolution passed by the Kokomo Convention, at which she was elected. At the first meeting of the newly created Committee, the President was made Chairman. This Committee, like many a similar group, did not realize that enthusiasm for their project was not widespread and that an educational program should precede the solicitation for funds. They proceeded on the naïve idea that one dollar from each of the 25,000 club women in Indiana would provide not only the purchase price, but would include an endowment fund sufficient to maintain the Home. This financial plan was not changed, but the purchase was not consummated until 1923. . . . Because of her connection with the beginning of the Fauntleroy Home movement, Mrs. Rumpler was invited to deliver the address at the Seventy-fifth anniversary of the Minerva Club, held in New Harmony in 1934."

Mrs. F. M. Hostetter, Evansville, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fauntleroy Home Committee, reported: "The Deed of Trust bearing its title clear, was placed in the American Trust and Savings Bank at Evansville. (Mrs. Moore, then President of the Federation, had signed this Deed of Trust.) The resolution was voted on by the Convention in October, and the members of the final committee were appointed to provide ways and means for financing this movement." Mrs. Hostetter reported that The Runcie Club of St. Joseph, Missouri, having for its President, Miss Ellinor Dale Runcie, daughter of the organizer

of the first woman's club (such was so thought at that time.) Mrs. Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie sent a check for \$200.

Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Director, announced the Council Meeting of the GFWC as June, 1921, at Salt Lake City, and the Biennial Convention at Chautauqua, N. Y., June, 1922. Only one club was added to the membership of the GFWC, and that was "Daughters of Minerva," of New Harmony.

"ORGANIZED WOMANHOOD"

For the first time we read:

"A body of organized women in every community who can be depended upon to promote whatever leads to the betterment of life."

Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, President of the General Federation, had used it in her address before the Biennial.

Speakers included the following: B. J. Burris, Mr. Edward R. Johnstone, Mr. Richard Lieber, Mr. Charles F. Coffin, Miss Agnes Ellen Harris, Mr. William Mather Lewis, Head of Government Saving Department, spoke at the Federation dinner on "Women and Finance," and Miss Margaret Wells Wood, Industrial Department of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., spoke on "The Women in Industry."

DEATHS OF MESDAMES SEWALL AND McRAE

Tributes were paid the memory of Mrs. May Wright Sewall, who had been so closely associated with the General Federation; Mrs. Emma Montgomery McRae, a Past President of the Indiana Union; Mrs. John W. Call and Mrs. W. W. Reed.

RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions urged the immediate purchase of Indiana Dunes as a State Park; renewed its full endorsement of the Thrift Plan; favored school lunches when necessary for best development of child; Public Health Nurses; Child Welfare; resist attacks on Housing Laws of the State; opposed to repeal or modification of law prohibiting teaching of German in Public Schools of State; favored two years of special training for art teachers and supervisors; urged the club women to use their influence to prevent presentation of any picture not passed by the National Board of Review; unqualified disapproval of the use of cigarettes by women, and endorsed the Near East Relief.

TWO-YEAR TERM

This being the first election since the two-year term for all officers went into effect, those elected were: Mrs. Jessie Riddle, 4th District, for Vice President; Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, 11th District, for Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. F. Culbertson, 2d District, as Treasurer, and Mrs. A. T. Cox, 13th District, as the one Trustee.

The roster showed 486 clubs in the Indiana Federation, 23 having been added this year, representing 193 members.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

MUNCIE, OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, 1921

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Bulletin, Mrs. E. C. Rumlør.
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Vocational Education, Miss Bertha Latta, Indianapolis.
Rural Schools, Mrs. Albert Newsom, Columbus.
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Music, Mrs. Elsa Silverstein, Terre Haute.
Literature, Mrs. James Wilson, Wabash.
Bible Literature, Miss Emma King, Indianapolis.
Folk Lore and Pageantry, Mrs. Kate Milan Rost, Wabash.
Drama, Mrs. W. O. Bates, Indianapolis.
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Industrial and Social Relations, Mrs. Wilmer F. Christian, Indianapolis.

The Thirty-second Annual Convention was held in Muncie, October 19, 20, 21, 1921.

Mrs. John S. Peterson, Chairman of the 8th District, presided at the formal opening and Mrs. Jessie W. Riddle, first Vice President, responded to the addresses of welcome of Mr. Charles A. Grafton, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. E. W. Barrett. These were followed by the address of the President, Mrs. Rumpler, and a resumé of the Council Meeting of the General Federation, held in Salt Lake City.

In speaking of this Convention Mrs. Rumpler says: "Mrs. E. W. Barrett was Chairman of local arrangements, with Mrs. W. C. Smith, Indianapolis, Chairman of Program. That Convention was one achievement in which the administration took great pride. The real spirit of Federation was very evident throughout the whole Convention, and the informing, interesting and inspirational addresses of Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Pennybacker, Mrs. Max Oberndorfer and Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry of the General Federation, intensified that spirit to an unusual degree. Reports of Department and Committee Chairmen contributed much to the high character of the meeting. . . . The official family of the administration was composed of efficient and Federation-minded women, and any credit which may have come to the President must be shared with these officers."

"Important legislation secured at the 1921 session of the legislature included the Child Labor Bill; the school attendance law with state and local officers; the Juvenile Probation Law, with state and local officers; a State Housing Inspector, an appropriation for Riley Hospital." (Historical Edition Club Woman.)

ENDOWMENT FUND

In the minutes of the April 7th Board Meeting we read that the \$3,000 remaining to Indiana's credit from the National War Victory Commission was voted to be returned to the State and placed in the Endowment Fund. Miss Vida Newsom, in giving her final report before the Committee was dismissed, said that the Fund amounted to \$12,000, all invested in Liberty Bonds. Today this sum is intact, and only the interest is used to carry on the work of the Federation.

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

At the Council Meeting two questions were up for discussion by the delegates, "What Shall We Do About the Fauntleroy Home?" and "Shall the Indiana Federation Have a Definite Policy for Next Year?" However, the entire time was given to the discussion of the Home. It seems that since the Convention in Muncie, when the delegate body voted to purchase the Home nothing had been done, and as Mrs. Rumpler writes in the Bulletin, first issue: "Realizing then, December 1, that the option on the Fauntleroy Home expired January 1, 1921, she made a trip to New Harmony to interview Miss Fauntleroy, to ask her to extend the time of the option. This Miss Fauntleroy has done and we have until July 1 to complete the raising of the fund of \$10,000 for the purchase of the Fauntleroy Home."

Mrs. Hostetter, Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, with one representative from each County in the District, together with Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Torrance and Mrs. Sol Hammer, gave a lengthy report of their action. "We called in a responsible real estate man. We asked how much money we should ask for the Home, and in the Old Tavern Hotel (New Harmony) we determined not less than \$10,000. Miss Fauntleroy said she had put \$6,500 in the Home, which included not only the Home, but the contents." Later Mrs. Bacon remarked the \$6,500 did not include the furniture. Mrs. Mary Donald, a friend of Miss Fauntleroy's, said, "Visitors come in great numbers, and on the register you will see names from Norway, Newfoundland and Sweden, and every State in the Union." Mrs. Hostetter reported \$962.29 balance in the Fund. The knowledge gained of the historical value of the Home during this discussion period gave a new impetus to the work, but it was not until sixteen years later, 1937, that the desired additional \$10,000 was finally raised. (See Mrs. Frederick G. Balz' administration.)

Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, President of the General Federation, gave the address at the Federation Dinner, which was, "This Moving World." Mrs. Rose V. S. Berry, Berkeley, Calif., Chairman of Fine Arts in the GFWC, talked on "Art," and again on "What Other Federations Are Doing." Mrs. Max Oberndorfer, Chicago, Chairman of Music in the GFWC, gave a talk on "Music," and Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, of Texas, "Which Closes the Door, Youth or Age?"

Interesting items gleaned from the minutes and business sessions are as follows: The motion to hold the 1923 Convention in the Spring was lost; 62 clubs were admitted to membership during the year; the Credential Committee reported 410 registered and 369 votes cast. Two thousand six hundred forty-two dollars and sixty-three cents was realized from sales of goods made by the blind of our State. The District Gavel was presented to the 13th District, Mrs. George Phillips, Chairman, for securing the greatest number of clubs, 17. There were 517 clubs on the roster with a membership of 23,269. The 13th District

leads with 63 clubs, representing 3,345 members, and the 7th District is second with 46 clubs, representing 3,228 members.

START OF CLUB YEAR

A Revision—"The club year shall begin the day following the close of the Annual Convention," was carried.

STATE BULLETIN

Mrs. Rumpler, in writing of the Bulletin, says, "The second year of this administration witnessed the appearance of the first State publication. (See Indiana Union, Miss Hoagland's Bulletin.) January, 1921, is the date on the first issue of the Indiana Federation of Clubs Bulletin. This modest sheet later became the Indiana Club Woman. The President edited the Bulletin, and only those who have had a similar experience can realize how many, many words it takes to fill four small pages. Every State officer, District, County and Club President, received a copy. These, with the members of all State Committees, a number of newspaper women, and a few paid subscribers, made up the mailing list. In addition to writing all the copy, the President addressed the 1,500 wrappers, folded and wrapped the papers, and carried them to the Post Office. A big job, but the thrill of launching the new Club Magazine provided ample compensation. The first issue was devoted to the Legislative Department, as the Legislature was then in session. A column of club information entitled, 'Do you know that' was a feature of the early issues."

"The Bulletin," said Mrs. Rumpler in the first issue, "is not intended to record the social meetings of the various clubs, but it is to be a medium through which all club interests shall be presented to the clubs." The Trustees decided to continue the publication of the Bulletin and reported that the six editions that first year cost approximately \$45 each. Thirty-three dollars had been received in subscriptions for the six editions, and it was decided to apply the income from the Endowment Fund toward the expense of the Bulletin. So from this very small beginning the Indiana Clubwoman Magazine has grown to be one of the finest in the United States.

MISS CHARITY DYE'S DEATH

Memorial services were held for Miss Charity Dye, and from the Bulletin we read: "The name of Charity Dye will live long in the minds and hearts of Indiana club women. Miss Dye was Chairman of the Department of Education and devoted much time and energy to the Indiana Centennial. The Pioneer Mother Memorial was a special work of Miss Dye, and the women of the State will carry out her plans." Fitting services were held also for Mrs. Hortense Moore, Rockville, and some fifty club women over the State.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions expressed approval of President Harding's International Conference held in Washington for the purpose of planning reduction in armaments and World Peace. Urged fitting tribute to our nation on July Fourth, Bible study in our schools, permanent historical markers. Endorsed the Anti-Tuberculosis program and the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital project.

Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville, was elected President to succeed Mrs. Rumpler.

ADDENDA

"During her four years as President and General Federation Director the following honors came to Mrs. Rumpler: At the Salt Lake City Council she was elected Chairman of the State Presidents and presided over all their conferences. In 1920 she was elected Vice President of the Upper Mississippi Valley Conference of State Federations, and in 1922 she was made President of the organization. In 1923 she was chosen to be Secretary-Treasurer of the newly organized National Club of the Past State Presidents, an office she held until 1928." (Historical Edition).

"From 1922 to 1924, writes Mrs. Rumpler, she was a member of the investment of the War Service Fund Committee. For the same period she served as Chairman of the Membership Committee of the General Federation. Because of this responsibility Mrs. Rumpler visited the thirteen Indiana District Conventions in 1924 to explain UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP, which many states were adopting. In 1922 she appeared as a speaker at the Chautauqua Convention. Throughout Mrs. Sherman's administration she served as Chairman of the Division of Citizenship Training under Mrs. W. B. Alvord, Chairman of the Department of American Citizenship.

"The three years of Mrs. Pool's administration saw her again in the same department. The Division of Law Observance was her appointment, and Miss Emily Louise Plumley became Department Chairman. She is the author of five leaflets relating to the work of these two divisions. Four thousand copies of one of these were distributed by the GFWC. One thousand reprints of an institute outline, published in the February, 1934, issue of the GFWC Club Woman Magazine were sent out by the Department.

"In 1928 Mrs. Rumpler attended and addressed both the North Dakota and the Montana State Federation Conventions on the topic, 'The Club Woman and Her Citizenship.' She attended nine consecutive Conventions of the GFWC Biennials—at Des Moines, Chautauqua, Los Angeles, Atlantic City, and San Antonio, and Council Meetings at Salt Lake City, Atlanta, West Baden and Grand Rapids. In 1935 she attended the first Triennial at Detroit."



Jessie G. Torrance

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Thirty-Third Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1922

Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention

EVANSVILLE, 1923

PRESIDENT

JESSIE G. TORRANCE (MRS. W. J.), EVANSVILLE

Jessie Archer McDonald attended the High School in Evansville; Peabody School on Capitol Hill, Washington, D. C.; Chicago University, and the University of California. After her return to Evansville she became interested in civic and club affairs, and has continued that interest to the present time. Miss McDonald was married to Albert N. Grove in 1894, and he died in 1904. In 1909 she was married to William J. Torrance.

During the World War she was at the head of Women's Registration for War Service in Vanderburg County, and active, as a speaker, for the sale of Liberty Bonds, Thrift Stamps, Food Conservation, Red Cross and Council of Defense. She assisted in the checking of made garments and knitting for Overseas men.

Mrs. Torrance spent a summer in European travel, visiting Cathedrals and Art Galleries. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, has served on the Y. W. C. A. Board, Chairman of Girls in Industry, is a charter member of the Home Economic Club, Athenaeum, Press of Evansville. She is a charter member of the National Club of Past State Presidents and a former member of the Woman's Press Club of Indiana. Alumna of the Evansville Journal News, also the Evansville Courier. Mrs. Torrance served the City Federation of Parent-Teacher Organizations as its second President. She is a member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association, and at the present time is serving as President of Vanderburg County Federation.

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The Thirty-Third Annual Convention was held in Indianapolis, October 24, 25, 26, 1922.

"The Federation," wrote Mrs. Torrance, 1927, "provides a deep well of help and information where one may drink and be refreshed. I was no dieter at the banquet of life as I found it in the Federation, but partook of all that was passed me successively, the Chairmanship of County, District, History, Department of Conservation, and State Program. I was elected President of the Federation at the Muncie Convention and at the first Executive Board Meeting held November 8 and 9 in Logansport, the following policy was adopted as written by one of our Honorary Presidents, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith of Lafayette."

FORMAL POLICY

"The formal policy of the Indiana Federation of Clubs is to promote community service through stronger support of established agencies in relation to local conditions; to inaugurate new plans wherever needed; to seek truth by continuous study of history, literature, art, and economics. In giving vitality to this policy, constituent clubs become dependable groups of women organized primarily for study, but ready to develop plans that improve the community in appearance, in recreations, children in health and happiness, citizens in regard for others, and a will to suppress wrong-doing."

At the Council Meeting the first morning of the Convention, there was a general discussion on plans for the future of the Indiana Federation. This was followed by an Art Tea at the John Herron Art Institute, and a reception at the beautiful home of the Indianapolis Department Club.

Of the formal opening in the Assembly Room of the Claypool Hotel, Mrs. Torrance writes: "Mrs. Zeller, Second Vice President, was in the chair. Governor Warren T. McCray, being absent from the city, Mr. Ed. Jackson, Secretary of State, gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis. I gave my greetings, and was followed by my friend, Mrs. H. G. Reynolds of Paducah, Kentucky, the President of the Federated Clubs of Kentucky, who made happy humorous remarks and friends." (Later Mrs. Reynolds became Treasurer of the General Federation.)

Dr. Earl Barnes of Philadelphia gave the main address of the evening session on "The Unsettled Position of Women." The meeting closed with the Biennial Hour, when several Indiana women told of the meeting at Chautauqua, New York.

Mrs. Torrance in her report showed that she had been attending conferences in the northern and southern parts of the State. Two conferences at Purdue on Better Homes, the National Wheat Growers' Conference in Chicago, and the National Bakers' Conference at French Lick. She served on the Advisory Committee of the Indiana State Fair Board in 1922 and also 1923. She represented the Federation on many committees, among which were the State Library, National Conservation, Dunes Summer Camp, and the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial. She traveled to Kentucky to be the guest speaker at their Biennial Convention.

"The finest culture of the commonwealth of Indiana was heard at the District Conventions," said Mrs. Torrance, "where were told the Federation's contributions to the affairs at hand, along with much civic pride. There was what was being done for the undernourished child, the fresh air school, for the tubercular children, the Home Economic classes under Purdue, the Home Demonstration Agent, the prevention of disease and human suffering, the Child Labor Bill, school attendance bill, women on the Industrial Board, All-Time Health Officer Bill, and limitation of hours of labor for women.

"Outstanding at each and every District Convention was fine music. There were many pageants beautifully staged. Hospitality is a veritable religion in Indiana, and the Conventions, as a consequence, became increasingly significant and important as promoting spiritual, ethical and artistic education. . . .

"I shall be eternally grateful to the delegates from Indiana attending the Chautauqua Biennial for the gift of \$100 in my honor as President, and likewise to the First District, Mrs. Carrie Halbruge, Rockport Chairman, for the gift of \$25 toward the Headquarters maintenance fund in my honor as Director."

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

The Fauntleroy Home Committee was headed by Mrs. O. M. Pittinger this year, and we read in the April, 1922, Bulletin, a list of names of twelve women who had contributed \$25 or more toward the purchase of this old historic home, and so were on the Honor Roll. The following names appear on this list: Mrs. Ella Bailey Thomas, New Harmony; Ellinor Dale Runcie, St. Joseph, Missouri; Helen Bierhaus, Mrs. Ida B. Tener, Vincennes; Mrs. E. V. Hodges, Mrs. Pearl Goldrick; Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter and Mrs. E. V. Pierce, Indianapolis; Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Muncie; Mrs. Amanda M. Phillips, Whiting; Mrs. Thurzie Starbuck Lutz, Wabash; Mrs. Rosa Shirk Clark, Red Oaks, Iowa, Treasurer of the General Federation. "Mrs. Milo Stuart, Indianapolis, wrote the story of the home, continues Mrs. Torrance, which was given dramatic presentation in most of the 13 Districts of the State. . . . Publicity was sought for the Home and given; songs were sung; trips were arranged." The total amount on hand as reported by Mrs. Pittinger, was \$8,707.69.

Miss Fauntleroy presented a gavel to the Convention to be awarded to the District whose report showed the largest percentage of quota towards the purchase of the Home, money to be raised on the basis of \$1.00 per member.

THE DUNES SUMMER CAMP

The Dunes Summer Camp (1922), promoted by the Dunes Park Committee of which Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, was Chairman, was a veritable nature school. The lupins, violets, phlox, trilliums, trailing arbutus, the up-hill and down-dale combination of desert and oasis, together with the unique and wonderful scenic charm of Lake Michigan, the "blow-outs," the tamarack, sumac, flowering dogwood, made an inspiring study and playground. "I visited the Dunes," writes Mrs. Torrance, "in company with Professor Mary Matthews, Chairman of the Department of Conservation. Sitting on the top of the world awhile and looking out over the water will put the nightingale singing in your heart. Three special 'days' were features of the camp: 'historical society day,' 'legislative day,' with 30 members of the General Assembly present, and 'club day,' when more than 50 clubs were represented and more than 200 women present." (Historical Edition.)

BUSINESS

Mrs. William A. Morris, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, reported that a contract with the E. C. Saunders Publishing Company, Indianapolis, had been entered into for advertising in the Year Book, also the State Convention program. Mrs. T. A. Cox, Chairman of the Trustees, reported \$1,262.50 remained from advertising solicited for the Year Book, and by her motion this sum was authorized as our contribution to the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Hospital for Children. No effort was to be made, however, by the Federation to complete the Memorial fund until the purchase of the Fauntleroy Home was disposed of. This recommendation was signed by Maude Lucas Rumpler, Past President, in charge of the year book; Myra Stewart Gordon, Recording Secretary, compiling the Year Book, and the three trustees. Mr. Saunders has continued as advertising solicitor for the Federation through all these years, and arrangements have always been most satisfactory.

STATE BULLETIN

"The Bulletin," says Mrs. Torrance, "as a little girl of four pages has now become The Indiana Club Woman of many pages. Mrs. Annie Otto and Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, of South Bend, were in charge of securing subscriptions, but I continued, as did my predecessor, to edit, fold, address, wrap, and mail, for two years." There were seven editions this year at a cost to the Federation of \$236.44, with seventy paid subscriptions.

During this administration the Federation added \$400 to each of the Educational Loan Funds in Purdue and Indiana Universities; many art exhibits and studio teas were held, and pictures purchased. "Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Chairman of the Housing Committee, was most active in seeing to the enforcement of this law which applied to every inch of Indiana soil." Additional Memory Trees continued to be planted on the three highways crossing the State, with perhaps the Tulip Tree predominating. The appointment of a Chairman for Junior Membership was authorized, and the State Convention went on record as favoring State Censorship of Motion Pictures.

GFWC HEADQUARTERS

Indiana had pledged not less than \$5,000 toward the purchase of General Federation Headquarters in Washington, and was able to pay on this pledge \$2,700, this being the sum returned to Indiana from the War Victory Commission Fund raised here. Miss Vida Newsum, GFWC Director, announced the purchase March, 1922, of the old home of General Nelson A. Miles, at 1734 N Street, N. W., had been consummated through the efforts of club women from all over the United States. From "Facts You Will Want to Remember About the General Federation" we take this description of the property: "The historic gray stone mansion, now the home of the General Federation, was originally built by Admiral Radford, and was later purchased and presented by admirers to General Nelson A. Miles, of Indian and Spanish War fame. Later, it became the property of Mr. and Mrs. John Jay White, and some of the trophies brought back by Mr. White from expeditions with President Roosevelt, still adorn the house. The Czechoslovak Legation for a time housed its ministry here. The stable in which General Miles kept his horses has been leased and transformed into a tea house, conducted separately from Headquarters. . . . The building was purchased in 1922 for \$70,000, every State in the Union contributing toward the purchase. The property is now paid for, and with furnishings and equipment is valued at more than \$125,000.

"As one GFWC President said: 'There are two things in Washington that belong to the least of all club women, from the tiniest club in the remotest of sections; one is General Federation Headquarters, where she can find rest and friendship and information and advice, and the other is the majestic Capitol of her country.' " The balance of the \$5,000 pledged by Indiana was paid in 1925.

Many noted persons appeared on the program and many fine talks and much beautiful music enjoyed. We note the following: Mr. Ralph A. Hayes, Hon. Medill McCormick, U. S. Senator, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Dudley, of Chicago and The Little Theatre Society of Indiana presented several short plays. At the Federation Dinner, "The Dynamics of Christian Citizenship," was the

address by Dr. Norman E. Richardson of Northwestern University. Governor Warren T. McCray having come into the Convention Hall, gave hearty greetings to the assembly. Mrs. Hildreth brought greetings from New York, and Miss Ada Mae Cromwell, Chairman of Education in the Kentucky Federation, was introduced and spoke briefly. Miss Virginia Holt, Vincennes, sang "Indiana," the words of which were composed by Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman and the music by Ethel Stuart Gaunner. The song was dedicated to the Convention.

THE PASSING OF SARAH PORTER KINSEY

During the Memorial Services Dr. Amelia Keller spoke to the memory of Mrs. Julia C. Henderson, and Mrs. Keith of Mrs. Grace Snyder. "Our Honorary President, Sarah Porter Kinsey, was taken away, and there were many who attended the burial services at Val-paraiso (Veil of Paradise), where Mrs. Sheehan placed the Federation roses and Miss Vida Newsom and I," said Mrs. Torrance, "were honored by being given an opportunity to speak at the Memorial Service."

Forty-four clubs were accepted into membership this year. There were 555 voting delegates. The District gavel was presented to Mrs. Harry Little, President of the 10th District. We read of the resignation of Mrs. A. T. Cox, Indianapolis, as Trustee, and the appointment of Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, Past President of the Federation. Mrs. Moore was also appointed Parliamentarian for the remainder of the club year. Two thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars and ninety-four cents was realized from 35 sales of work made by the blind, Fort Wayne leading with \$651.68, and 6th District first with the greatest number of sales. A decision was reached that legislative work, hereafter, would be done through the Department of Legislation of the Federation instead of through the Legislative Council of Women. There are 544 clubs, with a membership of 25,217.

GFWC APPOINTMENT

Mrs. Rose M. Burmaster, Muncie, was appointed Chairman of the Illiteracy Division in the General Federation.

The newly elected officers were presented at the last session, and each made a few remarks. First Vice President, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Horace F. Campbell, Frankfort; Treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Brooks, Bedford; Trustee, Mrs. J. F. Goddard, Greensburg.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

EVANSVILLE, OCTOBER 23, 24, 25, 1923

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Second Vice President, Mrs. Wm. M. Zeller, Brazil.
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Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
Treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Brooks, Bedford.
GFWC Director, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

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Honorary President

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Lafayette.

District Presidents

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2. Mrs. T. J. Loudon, Bloomington.
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10. Mrs. W. J. Rought, Whiting.
11. Miss Emily Goldthwaite, Marion.
12. Mrs. Hugh Osborn, Columbia City.
13. Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Warsaw.

Business Committees

Mrs. Sol Hammer, Evansville, Chairman Local Committee.
Council Program, Mrs. Samuel E. Perkins, Indianapolis.
Credentials, Mrs. Frederick S. Bates, Richmond.
Election Board, Mrs. Frank Byrnes, Evansville.
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Junior Membership, Mrs. Wilmer Christian, Indianapolis.
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Bulletin Circulation, Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, South Bend.
Fauntleroy Home, Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Indianapolis.

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Art, Miss Lucy Ball, Muncie.
History, Miss Margaret C. Holland, Vincennes.
Library Extension, Miss Orpha M. Peters, Gary.
Literature, Mrs. J. T. Boyer, Waveland.
Motion Pictures, Mrs. Ida M. Mix, Kokomo.
Music, Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport.
Public Schools, Mrs. Curtis A. Hodges, Indianapolis.
Reciprocity, Miss Mary L. Pratt, Bloomington.

CONSERVATION

Miss Mary L. Matthews, Lafayette, Chairman.
Dunes Park, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
Natural Resources, Mrs. L. S. Fickensher, South Bend.
Public Health, Mrs. Ella Bagot Kehrer, Anderson.
Home Economics and Rural Life, Miss Cornelia Milhollin, Gaston.
Thrift, Miss Elizabeth Cowan, Indianapolis.

LEGISLATIVE

Mrs. Philip Zoercher, Indianapolis, Chairman.
Charities, Mrs. Emil Weil, Evansville.
Housing and Child Welfare, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
Industrial and Social Relations, Mrs. E. W. Barrett, Muncie.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention was held in Evansville, October 23, 24, 25, 1923.

At the Council Meeting questions discussed were, "Financial Obligations of the Indiana Clubs," and "How Shall We Arouse a State and National Conscience?" The Institute which followed was in charge of Mrs. S. E. Perkins and Mrs. Fred Woodward. Subjects brought up for discussion were, "Our Policy," "The Bulletin," "Junior Membership," "Indiana University Service," "The Dunes Park," "The Fauntleroy Home."

CLUB INSTITUTES

When people come together in groups the natural tendency is to discuss matters of common interest. Ever since women having a like purpose first met in study or civic groups there has been discussion. It remained, however, for Mrs. Alice Ames Winter, Past President of the GFWC, to conduct the first Club Institute. This was at Chautauqua, New York, in 1922. Mrs. Winter believed that "... with the widening of women's conception of their usefulness to themselves, their homes, their communities, and their nation, the administration of clubs has become a business—a business demanding a new standard of ways and means and the knowledge of the technique of being a club woman, whether it be as a member or an officer." Her book, "The Business of Being a Club Woman," has from the first been the best text book on the administration of clubs.

The Club Institute proper was adopted at the GFWC Council Meeting, held at Atlanta, Georgia, in the spring of 1923. Mrs. Robert J. Burdette was active in its favor and had much to do with the initial movement of launching this important piece of work. Mrs. Torrance and Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, President and Vice President respectively of the Indiana Federation, who were in attendance, thought the Club Institute was one of the high points of the Council.

Previously, at the beginning of Mrs. Mary Sherman's administration, Mrs. C. S. Selover, of Ohio, had been appointed Chairman of Club Institutes for GFWC, and the United States was divided into zones. Mrs. Hinkle was named Chairman of the Section comprising Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Mississippi, and Tennessee, and also at one time, Virginia and West Virginia.

Mrs. Hinkle led the Club Institute program at the Atlantic City Council Meeting, at the request of Mrs. Selover, who was present, but ill. She was chosen for this honor because of her interest and pioneering work.

Mrs. Torrance should be given large credit for initiating the Club Institute feature into IFC and for some time the programs were directed by the two Vice Presidents. The Institute plans were presented through the columns of the State magazine and planned discussional programs for the midyear Advisory Board Meeting and the one preceding the State Convention.

From the first Institutes introduced by Mrs. Hinkle at District Conventions, they have continued with ever-increasing interest and popularity. Indiana soon came to be recognized as one of the leading states in this capacity—this recognition being based on her fine reports. An early Institute was held at Bethany Park, Mrs. Hinkle being assisted by Mrs. E. C. Rumples and Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks. Mrs. Hinkle continued as Chairman of the States Section for a period of four years.

Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, First Vice President, presided at the formal opening and presented Mayor William H. Elemendorf, who gave the address of welcome. Greetings were given by Mrs. E. C. Rumppler, GFWC Director; Mrs. J. S. Boonshot, First District Chairman; Mrs. Will Newman, President of the Woman's City Club of Evansville, and Mrs. Torrance. The Chairman of Trustees, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, responded.

Dr. Emanuel Sternheim of Port Chester, N. Y., spoke on the subject, "Where Shall We Park Our Cars?" in which he said the three essential things needed in America today are Intelligence, Democracy and Trust in Life. Miss Jeannette Emerick in her talk on "The Near East," gave many of her personal experiences while serving there.

BULLETIN—CLUB WOMAN

The name "Bulletin" was changed to "Club Woman" and designated as the "Official Organ of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, for the purpose of publishing plans, policies and achievements of the organization." On the April 1923 issue of the "Club Woman Magazine" we find the picture of the Old Fauntleroy Home, with which we now are so familiar.

Mrs. Torrance again had charge of issuing the nine "Bulletins" and she says: "A stupendous work was that of the attention to the advertising and our Trustee, Mrs. John Edward Moore, did all of it." Advertising, however, did not appear in the "Bulletin" until the February 1923 issue. Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, South Bend, reported 379 paid subscriptions, 117 of these coming from her own 13th District. It was from this District, through Mrs. Sherman, that the Federation received a gift of \$10 to be applied on the Bulletin expense.

GAVELS

"It was my privilege," wrote Mrs. Torrance, "at the 1923 Convention to offer a gavel to the County Chairman who would bring into the State Federation the greatest number of clubs before the Convention in Evansville, and a junior gavel to be passed on each year for the greatest number of Junior Clubs in the District. (Mrs. Torrance wrote recently: "I am still strong for Juniors.") Both gavels were made from the wood of the Old Constitutional Elm at Corydon, the first capital of the state. The former gavel was won by Vanderburg County with Mrs. Frederick Lauenstein, Chairman; the latter by the 13th District with Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Chairman." (Historical Edition.) The District gavel was presented to Mrs. J. S. Boonshot, first District Chairman, who had brought into the Federation sixteen clubs.

THE DUNES ARE SAVED

"A portion of this Dunes country was what 550 clubs in Indiana wanted for a park," wrote Mrs. Torrance. "Their cry 'Help Save the

Dunes!' had been hurled to every part of the state. Led by Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan and her committee, working over six years on the project, they succeeded in passing the bill through the 1923 Legislature. It provided for the establishment of an Indiana Dunes Park containing a shore line of three miles and 2,000 acres of dune country, and providing a tax levy for this purchase, which spread over a period of eight years will aggregate nearly one million dollars." (Historical Edition.) From the minutes we read: "A silver fruit tray, suitably inscribed, was presented Mrs. Sheehan by the 'Women of Indiana' for services so well rendered in the saving of the Dunes Park."

From the reports as shown in the Year Book, we read: "The Indiana Traveling Artists' Exhibit had visited 13 cities; many clubs studying state and local history; placing markers; establishing museums, and printing booklets on historical data. Three hundred memorial trees were planted along the highway and in private grounds." "The Memorial Tree," said Miss Vida Newsom, "is a memorial that lives, keeping ever green the memory of the one in whose honor it is planted." The idea of Memorial Tree Planting along the Lincoln Highway originated with the Conservation Department of the GFWC. (Miss Newsom was a member of this Committee.) Six thousand seven hundred thirty-eight towels hemmed by the blind of Indiana have been sold and the total amount of sales of work made by them amounted to \$2,115.04, Fort Wayne again heading the list with \$597.23.

MRS. EDWARD FRANKLIN WHITE

Mrs. Philip Zoercher, Chairman of the Legislative Department, presented Mrs. Edward Franklin White, now serving as Chairman of Legislation for the GFWC. Mrs. White gave an address on "Uniform Marriage and Divorce Laws." From the February, 1923, issue of the Bulletin, we read: "'The New York Times' gave front page space to the work of Mrs. White, for a bill on Uniform Marriage and Divorce, the complete text of which had been drawn by 'our Deputy Attorney General, Mrs. White.'" The Indiana delegates to the Convention of the General Federation had been requested by women from various states to present Mrs. White's name for First Vice President. The endorsement followed and announcements were sent to each State President and the Directors.

An Americanization Pageant, written by Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, at the request of Mrs. Pennybacker, was produced at the Biennial at Chautauqua, New York, last summer and repeated at this Convention and we read: ". . . it is a beautiful, inspiring, dramatic soul-stirring ritual. It had for its theme . . . instilling into the hearts of American youth the pride that he should feel upon reaching the voting age of twenty-one years."

At the Federation Dinner, Dean Franklin, of Evansville College, spoke on "How Shall We Manage This New Freedom of Ours?"

Mrs. Max Oberndorfer, Chicago, Chairman of Music in the GFWC, was a guest. Mrs. H. G. Reynolds, Paducah, Kentucky, Director of that state, talked on "Junior Membership." Mrs. Pennybacker once said in speaking of the Chautauqua Biennial: "There are not too many grey heads, but too few brown ones." Other honor guests were Mrs. B. W. Bayless, Louisville, President of the Kentucky Federation, and Mrs. George Thomas Palmer, Springfield, President of the Illinois Federation.

THE DEATH OF MRS. WILLIAM ZELLER

"Our beloved Second Vice President, Mrs. William Zeller, of Brazil, was Chairman of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children," continues Mrs. Torrance. "We made many trips together over the state, making known the need of money for the hospital. When Mrs. Zeller entered a room or an auditorium, it was like turning on more electric lights. She always came with flowers. It was a never-ending trait of hers, having fragrant, colorful blossoms. April 16, 1923, many of us attended her funeral services to say 'Au Revoir' amid a wealth of flowers, among them being our Federation roses."

UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP

The question of Universal Membership was presented to the 1923 Convention for the first time, in the form of constitutional amendments, but final action was delayed until the following year. Mrs. Torrance writes: "Nearly one-half of the states had adopted this plan, which necessitated the payment of ten cents per capita added to the club's state dues, and made every individual club woman a member of the General as well as of the State Federation."

A total of \$7,071.69 was subscribed by the Indiana clubs to the Riley Hospital for Children and the money from advertising in last year's Year Book was put to this use. Fifty-five new clubs were added to the Federation and six had been taken into the General Federation. One hundred dollar contingent fund had been placed at the disposal of Mrs. Sheehan to further the passage of the Dunes Park Bill. Two scholarship funds of \$800 each were placed at Indiana and Purdue Universities. The Credential Committee reported 358 voting delegates. The Year Book showed 569 clubs with a membership of 26,717.

Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, of New Harmony, was presented to the Convention by Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, and in her talk said: "... that as in 1916, she had extended an invitation to the club women to come to New Harmony, so in 1923 she was doing the same thing. We will offer you a hearty welcome and shall be glad to have you all come to the home of Geo. Rapp and Robert Owen, who tried out the two most successful Communistic Experiments the world has known." The invitation of Miss Fauntleroy was accepted and the day following the Convention, many club women who had never visited

New Harmony made the trip. Mrs. J. F. Goddard, Greensburg, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, together with Mrs. O. M. Pittinger and Mrs. John E. Moore, were working out the furtherance of the possession of the Old Fauntleroy Home for the Federation.

Mrs. O. M. Pittinger was presented to the Convention as the newly-elected President of the Indiana Federation.

ADDENDA

An interesting letter from the Secretary of Foreign Relations, from Havana, Cuba, pertains to the First National Congress of Women held in that city, and is in acknowledgement of an address which Mrs. Torrance, then President of the Indiana Federation, had sent them. "Your letter was read at the formal opening of the meeting which took place the first day of the present month (April, 1923), and the numerous assembly of persons which filled the Grand National Theatre appreciated and praised the spirit of union and cordiality which identifies in a same solicitude all the women of the world when their efforts are directed toward an ideal."



Pauline G. Pittinger

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Thirty-Fifth Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1924

Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention

HAMMOND, 1925

PRESIDENT

PAULINE G. PITTINGER (MRS. O. M.), ALBANY

Mrs. O. M. (Pauline Gibson) Pittinger is a Hoosier by adoption. She was born at Parker City, Pennsylvania. She attended a girls' school

at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, and later Pennsylvania State Normal at Clarion. After teaching school two years at Foxburg, in her state, she entered Indiana University at Bloomington. She was married to Oscar M. Pittinger at the close of the school year, June, 1896.

Mrs. Pittinger and her husband taught school in Anderson for eight years following their marriage, she becoming the principal of the Junior High School. While in Anderson, Mrs. Pittinger was a member of the Clio Club.

In 1904, they moved to Alexandria. While there, Mrs. Pittinger was active in club, social, and church work. She had membership in three women's clubs, served as probation officer of Madison County, was Superintendent of the Sunday School of the Methodist church and President of the Muncie District Epworth League.

The next move was to Frankfort in 1909. There she found time not only to be an ideal wife and mother, but she kept up her varied interests. She was a member of the Clinton County Board of Children's Guardians, of the Tourist Club, The Aftermath Club, and The Fin-de-siecle Club, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Crawfordsville District of the Methodist church, and for three years was President of the 9th District of Federated clubs.

The family then moved to Muncie and while there Mrs. Pittinger was a member of the Board of Children's Guardians of Delaware County, and was also a member of the Woman's Club and the McRae Club.

After one year in Muncie, the family moved to Indianapolis, where Mr. Pittinger was Superintendent of the State School for the Deaf for sixteen years. Perhaps Mrs. Pittinger's greatest contribution to education and social welfare was there. As Matron and as Principal of the school she came in daily contact with more than four hundred deaf children and her interest was that of a real mother as hundreds of deaf people of the state can testify.

In Indianapolis, Mrs. Pittinger was a member of the Woman's Department Club, the Present Day Club, and The League of American Pen Women. She served her church as teacher of the Woman's Bible Class, and as President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

For two years she was Second Vice President of the State Federation. Before her election to the Presidency, she was Chairman of the Committee which raised most of the money for the purchase and maintenance of the Old Fauntleroy Home. She came to the responsibility of President with a wealth of information on club work, with a wide acquaintance with the women of the state, with a good understanding of many of the problems of social welfare, with an extensive experience in leadership in various lines, and with a genuine desire to serve. Mrs. Pittinger passed away June 16, 1938.

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History, Mrs. William C. Osborne, Danville.
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Public Schools, Mrs. Willard Bayard Van Horn, Indiana Harbor.
Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.
Thrift, Miss Elizabeth L. Cowan, Indianapolis.

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Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport, Chairman.
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Child Welfare, Mrs. T. W. Peck, Clayton.
Cooperation for Blind, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
Industrial and Social Relations, Mrs. J. W. McMillan, Muncie.
Industrial Relations, Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond.
Memorial Trees, Mrs. Herbert Buckles, Hartford City.
Mental Health, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
Parks, Mrs. John S. McFaddan, Rockville.
Public Health, Mrs. Eli P. Myers, Elwood.
Rural Life, Miss Lella R. Gaddis, Lafayette.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Ella Bagot Kehrler, Anderson, Chairman.

"This first State Convention over which I presided as President," writes Mrs. Pittinger, "was held in the Claypool Hotel, in Indianapolis, October 27, 28, 29, 30, 1924."

At a Council Breakfast, held on the first morning, Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond, talked on "Right Understanding," and Mrs. Elmer Funk, Warsaw, on "Cooperation."

This meeting was followed by the reports of the officers, short talks by District Chairmen, nominations for the various offices, and presentation of the Convention Program by Mrs. John T. Wheeler, Chairman, who served for this year as well as 1925.

Mrs. Pittinger, in writing of her administration says: "The Indiana Federation of Clubs gave me the very great honor of being their President for the two-year term beginning in 1923. I thought at the time, and still think, that it is the greatest honor the women of the state can bestow on one of their number. More than a decade later, I

look back with gratitude for the wealth of beauty, for the opportunity for travel, for the personal growth, for the wonderful friendships, for the acquaintance with distinguished, lovely women, both in the state and in other states; for the loyal way in which these women received me, and supported me; for all these things and many more which came to me during the two years I served as President and the following two years when I was General Federation Director.

"As I recall and review what was accomplished, I am sure that the praise and credit should go to the efficient, faithful women who carried out a program of which they may justly be proud. Space will not permit of the personal mention which is due. Every department worked to carry out the plans not only of the State Organization but also those of the General Federation. At that time the state work was being re-organized to conform with the General Federation and the adjustment was made without friction and in perfect harmony.

"The official family was a happy one and had many delightful social times together in connection with their work."

At the Federation Dinner, always one of the outstanding sessions of the Convention, the President in her address said: "Twenty-seven thousand women in Indiana optimistic, cheerful, courageous, and loyal, can combat almost any evil influence that might arise to threaten our homes and our children."

Mrs. Edward Franklin White was then presented and in closing her address, which was received with much acclaim, said: "On questions of policy, I should like to see women forming independent judgments based on reading, listening and thought." A reception was then held for Mrs. White, State Officers and Past Presidents.

Many eminent names were listed as speakers. We find: Dr. W. F. King, Indianapolis, Secretary State Board of Health, and Dr. Frank B. Cregor, who talked on several of the bills which will be before the Legislature, and which the women of the state are working for, among them being the Uniform Marriage and Divorce Bill, All Time Health, Commissioners Bill, Reinforced Volstead and the Eugenics Bill. Other speakers were: Dr. William Lowe Bryan, President Indiana University; Mr. G. I. Christie, of Purdue; Dr. Charles P. Emerson; Mr. Charles F. Coffin, and Mr. Oswald Ryan, Anderson, who spoke on "World Peace."

We find two new committees formed under the Department of Education—Junior Membership, and Thrift. The Motion Picture Committee was discontinued. Mrs. Robert Burke, Indiana University, is now the Chairman of Reciprocity and reported the University ready to cooperate in every way possible with the club work. The Junior Latreian (Greek word for Service) groups have been formed by the Junior Chairman, Mrs. L. H. Millikan, Indianapolis. Better Indiana Homes, Wipe Out Illiteracy in Indiana by 1930, End the Sale of Obscene Literature, Responsibility of Citizenship, Registration of

Voters, Political Education, have all claimed the attention of the club women.

From the Art Committee report we read many paintings have been purchased, Art Week celebrated, Art lectures and exhibits held and higher standards set for hand work. Many books have been given to the Old Fauntleroy Home Library, and to the Library of the General Federation Headquarters. McDowell Memorial Day and National Music Week were observed generally.

THE OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME IS OURS

We read that May, 1924, Mrs. Horace F. Campbell, Recording Secretary, signed the warrant for \$10,000 for the purchase of the Old Fauntleroy Home, and as Mrs. Pittinger writes: ". . . an obligation entered into years before was thus fulfilled." The deed to the home was recorded in Posey County, May 12, 1924.

Mrs. Horace F. Campbell worked diligently to bring up to date the files of the Federation, and through the cooperation of the club women, many valuable historic documents were received. Without the work of these early interested club women it would have been next to impossible to have compiled this history of our Federation here in Indiana.

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Mrs. S. E. Perkins was declared the official Parliamentarian of this Convention. Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle was appointed the first Chairman of Institutes. Educational Loan Funds to the amount of \$1,000 were placed with Purdue and Indiana Universities. Three thousand eight hundred twenty-eight dollars and thirty-one cents resulted from the sales of goods made by the blind of Indiana. The State Tree, Tulip (approved by the General Assembly, March 1, 1923), was planted more than any other tree. Action was taken on Universal Membership and lost by a vote of 174. Forty-two new clubs were accepted into membership, which brings the total in Indiana to 570 clubs with 28,318 members.

The District Gavel went to Mrs. J. Russell Kramer, of the 9th District, with 11 new clubs. Mrs. John Roush, Clinton County, received the County Gavel, with 6 clubs to her credit. The Junior Gavel was presented to Mrs. John T. Wheeler, of the 7th District.

CLUB WOMAN EMERGENCY FUND

Mrs. E. C. Rumpler will again edit the Club Woman. This year, with 262 paid subscriptions and some advertising, the Trustees started a Club Woman Fund for an emergency when the money received from the above sources is not sufficient to meet the expense of publishing.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY

"The press work of Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, which started in my administration," writes Mrs. Pittinger, "when she was Chairman of the Committee for Publicity, has proved to be very helpful to the club women of the state. Her page in the 'Indianapolis Star,' started at that time, has given extensive club news both national and state, and has offered many suggestions and plans for club programs. Her work has had national recognition. She had edited a similar page in a Florida paper while she lived there, and was well qualified, both by training and experience, to render the women of Indiana a valuable service."

GFWC COUNCIL—WEST BADEN

During the Biennial Hour, word was given out that West Baden had been accepted by the General Federation for their Council Meeting the first week of June, 1925. This meant about eight months in which to prepare all plans for entertaining the distinguished guests who would come to Indiana at that time. Five hundred dollars was allowed the President for courtesies or extra expenses pertaining to the meeting. President Bryan, Indiana University, returned a check for \$25, which had been tendered him for his address at this Convention, and that amount was added to the Biennial Fund. Individuals and clubs all over the state gave generously to this fund, that the entertainment might be of the best.

PIONEER WORKERS

Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Treasurer of the "Pioneer Workers" of the General Federation, told of the organization of this group at the Boston Biennial in 1908, with Mrs. William F. Helmuth as President. Membership consisted of all women who served as officers of the General Federation during the period from 1890 to 1900. Indiana has the honor of listing seven. (See early clubs.)

"In the party which went to the Biennial, at Los Angeles in 1924," writes Mrs. Pittinger, "there were 74 people representing 25 cities scattered over Indiana from South Bend to Evansville. The educational value of such a trip, the opportunity for delightful social fellowship going and coming, and the opportunity to visit places and see the beauty and grandeur of our great country cannot be overestimated. The itinerary was planned largely by Mrs. E. W. Stockdale, State Chairman of Transportation. After the trip to Los Angeles, it included stop-overs for sight-seeing. . . . The only thing to mar the pleasure of the entire trip was the death of Mrs. H. M. Trick, of Indianapolis, at Yellowstone Park."

MRS. EDWARD FRANKLIN WHITE'S NOMINATION

"Indiana's recognition at the Convention was all that could be desired. It was my great privilege to place the name of Mrs. Edward Franklin White before the Convention for the office of First Vice President of the General Federation, and that honor came to Indiana through her.

"Gene Stratton Porter showed her love for Indiana in many lovely ways. Because of my position as President of the State Federation, she entertained me during my stay in Los Angeles in her lovely home. She was a charming hostess, and while I had known her for years through her books, ten days of personal contact as her guest gave me a rare experience which I shall always remember with the greatest pleasure. . . . She and Mrs. Chester Wallace Brown gave a large garden party at the home of Mrs. Brown in honor of Mrs. White and me.

"Only those who have attended a Biennial Convention can fully understand what we enjoyed at Los Angeles. The dignity and skill with which Mrs. Winter presided, the brilliant addresses, the wonderful flowers for which Los Angeles is noted, the beautiful gowns of women from all parts of the United States, made the occasion one worth going thousands of miles to attend." The Indiana badge which was a white ribbon with a bronze facsimile of the State Seal, attracted much attention and received mention in the press. (White was selected as the official color for Indiana, due to the candidacy of Mrs. White.)

Aside from the IFC Convention program, many social affairs were planned by the local committee. There were many luncheons by the various departments of work. An Authors' Breakfast drew many of the club women to catch a glimpse of Dr. James A. Woodburn, Mr. and Mrs. Chic Jackson, Mr. William Herschell, Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, and Miss Laura Smith. Sight-seeing trips were made to places of interest in the city—The Art Institute, art studios, Lockerbie Street, and the Riley Home, Industrial Plants, etc. Tea was served at the home of Mrs. E. F. Branch, wife of the Governor, as well as at the Propylaeum. Indiana Indorsers of Photoplays had a luncheon with Mr. Will H. Hayes, President of Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, as a guest.

With the announcement that the next Convention would be held in Hammond, and the presentation of the newly elected officers, the 1924 Convention came to a close.

THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

HAMMOND, OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 1925

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Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, West Lafayette.

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5. Mrs. Frank L. Swinehart, Clinton.
6. Mrs. Walter Saxon, Falmouth.
7. Mrs. John T. Wheeler, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. Charles C. Deam, Bluffton.
9. Mrs. J. Russell Kramer, Frankfort.
10. Mrs. C. W. Shoemaker, Lafayette.
11. Mrs. W. J. Whitelock, Huntington.
12. Mrs. Isaac M. Kann, Kendallville.
13. Mrs. Emmett S. Webster, South Bend.

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Membership and Club Extension, Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Petersburg.
Program, Mrs. John T. Wheeler, Indianapolis.
Resolutions, Mrs. Leon Stern, Terre Haute.
Transportation, Mrs. E. W. Stockdale, Indianapolis.

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Old Fauntleroy Home —

House, Mrs. D. Frank Culbertson, Vincennes.

Maintenance Fund, Mrs. James Boonshot, Petersburg.

Treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Peck, Clayton.

Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.

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AMERICAN HOME

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Chairman.

Division Home Extension Service, Miss Lella R. Gaddis, Lafayette.

Division Home Economics, Mrs. Irma Brown Christy, Muncie.

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru, Chairman.

Division Junior Membership, Mrs. L. H. Millikan, Indianapolis.

APPLIED EDUCATION

Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Chairman.

Division Highways, Mrs. E. W. Barrett, Muncie.

Division Birds and Wild Flowers, Mrs. Elmer Funk, Warsaw.

Division Scholarship Loan, Mrs. J. M. Thistlethwaite, Sheridan.

Division Better American Speech, Miss Emily Goldthwaite, Marion.

FINE ARTS

Miss Alice J. Higgins, Clinton, Chairman.

Division of Art, Miss May Robinson, Washington.

Division of Literature, Mrs. Everett M. Schofield, Indianapolis.

Bible as Literature, Mrs. Jonathan Rigdon, Danville.

Community Drama, Miss Lela Walls, Greencastle.

Division of Music, Mrs. Guy McMichael, South Bend.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Chairman.

Studying World Conditions, Mrs. J. P. Goodrich, Winchester.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Ella Bagot Kehr, Anderson, Chairman.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY

Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, Frankfort, Chairman.

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Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport, Chairman.
Division of Child Welfare, Miss Maude Aldrich, Winona Lake.
Division Problems of Delinquency, Mrs. L. L. Allen, Rushville.
Division Industrial and Social Relations, Mrs. S. W. McMillen,
Muncie.
Division Public Health, Dr. Florence Olmstead, Kokomo.
Division Mental Health, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman.

The Thirty-Sixth Convention was held at Hammond, Indiana, October 13, 14, 15, 1925.

Subjects discussed at the Council meeting held the first morning covered Publicity, County Federations, Courtesies, Universal Membership, and Club Woman. Mrs. George W. Plummer, Chicago, Chairman Applied Education Committee of the General Federation, was the speaker and with "You Must Know the Rules to Play the Game," outlined parliamentary procedure and answered many questions.

At the formal opening in the Masonic Temple, Mrs. John T. Wheeler presented the program. The President gave her address, and presented Miss Ada Ward, of England, Author and Lecturer, whose talk, "You Americans," was much enjoyed.

Outstanding reports were given of work accomplished by all departments. Memorial Tree Planting continued with the call of Miss Vida Newsom: "Wanted! 3,000,000 trees planted by 3,000,000 loyal club women!" Nature talks were made, bird boxes and feeding places for birds increased, many clubs studied the Bible, Music Week was observed, art exhibits held, pageants given, and a Speaker's Bureau formed by the Literature Committee.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

"New work undertaken was International Relations, with Mrs. Allen D. Hole and Mrs. James P. Goodrich in charge. Under their excellent leadership, the plans of the General Federation were carried on and they initiated the essay competition before the GFWC plans were made known. The beautiful bronze statues given as awards by Mrs. E. B. Ball helped to make the contest a success." (Historical Edition.) The Peace Contest award, under this department of work, was presented Mrs. Frank H. Straightoff, Indianapolis.

"Another line of new work," continued Mrs. Pittinger, "in which the Indiana Federation was a pioneer, was the organization of a Mental Health Committee, with Miss Vida Newsom in charge. . . . We were very fortunate in having the advice and support of Amos W. Butler and Dr. Charles P. Emerson in planning that work. The Federation

was no less fortunate in the selection of Miss Newsom as Chairman." (She continued to act as Chairman up until the time of her death, July, 1938.) Her work has been outstanding and the plan has been copied by other states.

"No State Is Better Than Its Homes," was the motto decided upon to head the official stationery of the American Home Department. "Who," writes Mrs. Pittinger, "better than Mrs. McWhirter, who has ably filled the highest positions in the gift of the Federation, and been identified for years with the leading movements for social and civic improvement, could carry out Mrs. Sherman's plans for 'The American Home.'"

THE CLUB WOMAN MAGAZINE

In speaking of the official magazine, Mrs. Pittinger says: "The Club Woman was greatly enlarged and made to compare favorably with the best of its kind in the country. The Biennial Council number was a 64-page book, containing almost a hundred pictures of prominent women of the state and the nation, the program of the Council, and many items of interest to the women. It was arranged and printed in artistic form and it is a very nice souvenir of the Council meeting. Although a thousand extra copies of the 64-page Council number were printed, all costs for the year were paid from the proceeds, and a net balance of \$370.20 was turned into the Federation treasury." Advertising for this issue, June, amounted to \$4,310.

The Art Committee held a contest for clubs doing art work. Prizes were pictures painted by J. Otis Adams and Randolph LaSalle Coats, which were donated by these Indiana artists. The scrap book sent in by the South Bend Woman's Club won the first prize, which they were to hold one year. There were no other entries this year. A club winning the prize three times was entitled to keep the picture.

A GUEST—MRS. JOHN D. SHERMAN

It was at an Executive meeting in Indianapolis, November, 1924, when Mrs. John D. Sherman, President of the GFWC, who was spending a few hours with Mrs. Edward Franklin White, came unexpectedly into the Board meeting and told them that the Board of the GFWC had accepted the invitation of Indiana to entertain the Biennial.

BIENNIAL COUNCIL, WEST BADEN "MARY SHERMAN'S HOUSE PARTY"

"The entertainment of the Biennial Council at West Baden, June 1 to 6, 1925, was the largest undertaking and the greatest achievement of my administration," writes Mrs. Pittinger. "The beautiful West Baden Hotel, nestled among the hills of southern Indiana, was an ideal meeting place. The fact that the total expense, amounting to more than

\$3,000, was raised without drawing on the Federation treasury, and the further fact that more than 600 Indiana club women were present to help with the entertainment, goes to show the spirit of cooperation and the hospitality for which Hoosier women are noted.

"It can be no reflection on the scores of faithful women who helped in many ways to make the entertainment a success to mention a few upon whom the burden fell heaviest: Mrs. Guido Stempel was the General Chairman of Arrangements. Without her tireless work, her intellectual ability, her mastery of details, and her experience in doing big things in a big way, we could not have had the success we had.

"Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, Chairman of Press and Publicity, was in charge of the exhibits and cooperated in a fine way with Mrs. Jessie Stringfellow Reed, General Federation Chairman of Press and Publicity. The 'Indiana Student' published a daily account of the proceedings which was greatly appreciated.

"Mrs. H. B. Burnet and Miss May Robinson deserve much of the credit for the beautiful art exhibit.

"The management of the West Baden Springs Hotel was very generous in concessions and did everything possible for the comfort and entertainment of the guests. Mrs. Leo K. Fessler was the Chairman of the Banquet Committee and all who were there will remember that brilliant event."

In her report, Mrs. Pittinger gives an account of the trip to New Harmony, following the West Baden Biennial, called "Mary Sherman's House Party." "Following the Biennial Council, many of the guests and state club women went to New Harmony to be present at the dedication exercises of the Home. The cultured little city of New Harmony was at its best and did much to entertain the guests and to make the program a success."

In the September-October issue of the Club Woman, 1925, Mary S. Donald writes: "The Old Fauntleroy Home, which has been bought by the Indiana Federation of Clubs, was dedicated at this time in a very impressive manner. New Harmony people took part in a processional pageant, written for the occasion by Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, of Evansville. The presence of several direct descendants of Robert Owen added much to the impressiveness and interest of this beautiful pageant, which was read by Mrs. Bacon herself. Mrs. Anna Owen Crawford and her daughter, Miss Louise Crawford, were among these. Mrs. Crawford is the only living charter member of the Minerva Club. Mrs. Blessing Runcie Marshall, one of the daughters of Mrs. Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie, who organized the Minerva, represented her distinguished mother in a very appropriate and gracious manner. Mrs. Caro Parke Snedeker (Caroline Dale Snedeker), another descendent of Robert Owen, and author of 'Seth Way,' 'The Coward of Thermopylae,' and other books, represented History.

"Six members of the Rappites were represented, led by Miss Louise

Husband and Mr. Arthur Fretageot, who wore original Rappite costumes. They were followed by ten people representing the Owen regime, led by Mrs. Ella Hobart and Mr. Clarence P. Wolfe, editor of the 'New Harmony Times.'

"Miss Fauntleroy, in a beautiful quaint old dress of her mother's, presented the key to the Home to Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, State President. Miss Fauntleroy's words brought tears to many eyes. Giving up any key means much, and the key to one's home means a sacrifice of some kind. With this key, which with its lock was made by the Rappites, goes Miss Fauntleroy's life's dream—not only her dream, but that of her mother, Mrs. Rachel Fauntleroy.

"Miss Fauntleroy has collected rare pieces of furniture, given of her time, means and thought, until with the mere handling of a key has gone from her a beloved dream child—one that has had her constant and tender care for many years, and which is now a reality. Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, President, received the key with much dignity and in appropriate words spoke of the feeling of responsibility and love with which she and her successors will cherish the guardianship of the Home.

"A bronze tablet, bearing the name of the Home, the name of Mrs. Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie, and the date of the organization of the Minerva Club, was placed upon the house by the Indiana Federation of Clubs, and was unveiled by Miss Martha Pittinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Pittinger." (See Old Fauntleroy Home.)

Mrs. H. B. Burnet was selected to purchase a gift to be presented to Mrs. John D. Sherman, President of the General Federation. The gift was "Early November," painted by T. C. Steele, one of our Indiana artists.

HONOR ROLL OF OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

The Executive Committee voted \$25 to place Mrs. Pittinger's name on the Honor Roll of the Old Fauntleroy Home in recognition of her untiring efforts in raising the "Home Fund."

We find the resignation of the Hon. John F. Goddard, Greensburg, as Legal Adviser of the Indiana Federation (carried in Year Book of this year) and says Mrs. Pittinger: "Only those of us who were directly concerned with the details knew how valuable were the legal services donated by Judge Goddard and Mr. C. E. Edwards, as a courtesy to two of our Trustees, Mrs. Goddard and Mrs. Barnhart, a sister of Mr. Edwards. There had been many discouragements and much discussion pro and con and it was a great relief to have the purchase finally made. Some who had favored the project in its early stages became lukewarm and finally opposed the purchase. Those who cooperated in raising the money and in completing the undertaking have my lasting gratitude for it had been a long hard struggle." The last legal question was cleared in a letter from Mr. George C. Taylor,

of New Harmony, which stated that the Old Fauntleroy Home would be non-taxable.

Speakers on the program included; Mrs. Max Oberndoerfer, Chicago, Chairman of the Division of Music in the GFWC; Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Dudley, who gave a program entitled "Art in Painting and Song;" Dr. Elsie Stewart, Indianapolis; Dr. W. P. Dearing, of Oakland City College; Mr. A. D. Stone, Indianapolis; Miss Marie Merrell, Chicago; Mrs. C. M. Bolser, Indiana University.

An institute with "The Business of Being a Club Woman," by Alice Ames Winter, as a basis was ably handled by the District Chairmen.

Breakfasts were given by several departments, tea at the Hammond Country Club, with the Hammond Woman's Club as hostess, and a dinner at the "Dunesacres Club House" lightened the heavy sessions. A complimentary sight-seeing trip to the Dunes on Friday morning, gave many of the women their first opportunity to see one of the most popular of Indiana's State Parks.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, who had been elected First Vice President of the General Federation, was endorsed for a second term.

THE DEATH OF JOSEPHINE E. MARTIN

The Corresponding Secretary reported that the credentials sent to Mrs. Josephine E. Martin, first President of the Indiana Union of Clubs, had been returned by her sister, with the explanation that Mrs. Martin had died in January.

Mrs. E. E. Mummert, last President of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1904-1906, was a guest and extended greetings.

MEMBERSHIP

We find 592 clubs listed in the roster, representing 29,082 members, 44 clubs being accepted this year. Mrs. W. J. Torrance, GFWC Director, reported 54 clubs from Indiana had joined the national body this year, which number is far in excess of new clubs from other states.

The sale of goods made by the blind amounted to \$3,916.08. A Spring Convention was again proposed and apparently no action taken. Four hundred forty-six delegates were reported in attendance. The Gavel was presented as follows: District Gavel to Mrs. C. W. Shoemaker, 10th District; County Gavel to Mrs. A. H. W. Johnson, Lake County, and the Junior Gavel to Mrs. J. T. Wheeler, of the 7th District. The minutes show that a safety box was procured in Indianapolis for bonds, deeds, papers and data of the Old Fauntleroy Home, with custody of the key to same vested in the Treasurer. The accumulation of old vouchers were to be deposited in the Home for safe-keeping.

"LIMBERLOST"

The Federation favored the securing, if possible, of Gene Stratton Porter's home, "Limberlost," on Sylvan Lake, in northern Indiana, as a State Park in memory of Mrs. Porter, and a committee was appointed to further this project. A letter was received asking permission to dedicate the film of Mrs. Porter's "Girl of the Limberlost," (scenes of which were taken at the home) to the Indiana Federation, and consent was given.

The new officers were presented, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, President.

ADDENDA

During her administration Mrs. Pittinger attended and addressed many District and County Conventions and individual club meetings. "In addition to the above," writes Mrs. Pittinger, "I represented the Federation at the State Association of Outdoor Advertisers; Woman's Missionary Union of Indianapolis; Allied Arts Section, Indiana State Teachers' Association; State Conference of Charities and Corrections; Social Service Group, Indiana University; Indiana Society Mental Hygiene; Women of Junior and Senior Classes, Indiana University; Hoosier Society of Southern California; Biennial at Los Angeles; The Child Welfare Association of America in New York City; State Society for Mental Health, Indianapolis; State Conservation meeting in Indianapolis; State Home Economics meeting at West Baden; Graduation Exercises of the Vocational Classes, Muncie High School, and the National Farm Bureau School at Indianapolis."



Bess Vrooman Sheehan

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1926

Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention

TERRE HAUTE, 1927

PRESIDENT

BESS VROOMAN SHEEHAN (MRS. FRANK J.), GARY

Although Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan (Bess M. Vrooman) was a native of Michigan, she moved to Indiana in 1908, when she became an instructor in history in the Gary High School. She received her A. B. Degree in 1904 and her A. M. in 1905, from the University of Michigan, and taught until her marriage in 1912 to Frank J. Shee-

han, a practicing attorney in Gary, who later served two years as Judge of the Lake County Juvenile Court.

After her marriage, she became actively identified with club and civic life. Because of her leadership in behalf of the preservation of the Indiana Sand Dunes of Porter County, she was appointed to the special Dunes Park Committee created by the Indiana Federation of Clubs, which office she continued to hold until the Indiana Dunes Park of three thousand acres was established by the General Assembly in 1923. For her perseverance and interest in this project she has been affectionately called the "Dunes Lady," and was honored with Honorary Life Membership by the Chicago Geographic Society, the Hammond Woman's Club, and the Gary Business and Professional Women's Club.

She has served the State Federation as Chairman of the Committee on Forestry and Waterways (1916-17); Chairman of the Dunes Park Committee (1917-23); Corresponding Secretary (1921-23); Chairman of the Department of Education (1923-25); President (1926-27); Director from Indiana on the Board of the GFWC (1928-30); Parliamentarian (1931-37).

In the General Federation, in addition to serving as Director from Indiana, she was Chairman of the Committee on Natural Scenery (1925-27), and of the Division of Library Service (1930-33).

By appointment of the Governor of Indiana, Mrs. Sheehan was made a member of the State Library and Historical Board in 1925, and continued by reappointment until the Board ceased to function under the State Departmental Reorganization in 1933; she was Secretary of the Board from 1925 to 1930, and President from 1930 to 1931. Also by appointment of the Governor Mrs. Sheehan was named as one of the nine members of the Commission created by the General Assembly of 1929 to erect the State Library and Historical Building in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Sheehan has been closely identified with the civic life of her community, having served twice as Chairman of the Red Cross Annual Membership Roll Call, for four years as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Campbell Settlement, and as Chairman of the campaign which raised funds for the purchase of the Gary Y. W. C. A. She has served, also, as Treasurer of the National Conference on State Parks, and has been Secretary of the National Dunes Park Association since 1918.

In the field of history, while President of our Federation, she compiled the history of our organization, covering the first forty years, and published it as the Historical Edition of the Indiana Club Woman, July-August, 1927, including in it the portrait of every Past President. She is author of "Gary in the World War" (two volumes in manuscript), and of "The Northern Boundary Line of Indiana," published by the Indiana Historical Society in Volume VIII, Number 6.

In addition to the honorary memberships conferred upon Mrs. Sheehan, she holds membership in the Gary College Club and the Dunes Federated Club, and has served each as President. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and honorary patroness of the Gary Chapter of Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

Mrs. Sheehan has won national recognition in having been included in the biographical works of "Representative Women of America," "Women Who Man Our Clubs," and "Who's Who in Government."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
 First Vice President, Mrs. John S. McFaddin, Rockville.
 Second Vice President, Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Warsaw.
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 Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jennie Moss, Maxwell.
 Treasurer, Mrs. T. W. Peck, Clayton.

Trustees

Mrs. John Edward Moore, Kokomo, Chairman.
 Mrs. George Phillips, South Bend, Secretary.
 Mrs. Estella B. Prince, Brownstown.
 GFWC Director, Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville.
 Parliamentarian, Mrs. Richard Elbel, South Bend.

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3. Mrs. Charles S. Hartley, New Albany.
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5. Mrs. Arthur Cunningham, Terre Haute.
6. Mrs. Walter S. Saxon, Falmouth.
7. Mrs. David Ross, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. A. B. Taylor, Pendleton.
9. Mrs. Frank B. Lyon, Delphi.
10. Mrs. Irene Homer Shoemaker, Lafayette.
11. Mrs. Wilfred J. Whitlock, Huntington.
12. Mrs. Emmet O. Hall, Auburn.
13. Mrs. Emmet S. Webster, South Bend.

Standing Committees

Program, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.
 Local Arrangements, Mrs. David Ross, Indianapolis.
 Resolutions, Mrs. Leon Stern, Terre Haute.

Credentials, Mrs. Ida Mix, Kokomo.
Election, Mrs. A. H. W. Johnson, Crown Point.
Transportation, Mrs. E. W. Stockdale, Indianapolis.
Club Extension, Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Warsaw.

Special Committees

Cooperation for Blind, Mrs. Lewis N. Poyser, Indianapolis.
Old Fauntleroy Home—
 Hostess, Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, New Harmony.
 Maintenance Fund, Mrs. John S. McFaddin, Rockville.
 House, Mrs. Louis Fox, Mt. Vernon.
Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.

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Division Home Making, Mrs. Curtis Hodges, Indianapolis.

APPLIED EDUCATION

Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Chairman.
Division Public Instruction, Miss Etelka Rockenback, New Albany.
Scholarship Loan, Mrs. Charles S. Coons, Gary.
Division of Education of the Adult Citizen, Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Evansville.
Better Speech, Miss Emily Goldthwaite, Marion.
Division Community Service, Mrs. A. W. Roach, Richmond.
Division Conservation, Mrs. E. W. Barrett, Muncie.

FINE ARTS

Miss Alice Higgins, Clinton, Chairman.
Division of Art, Miss Mary Robinson, Washington.
 Adviser, Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis.
Division of Literature, Mrs. Eva Marble Bundy, Valparaiso.
 Adviser, Bible as Literature, Mrs. Jonathan Rigdon, Danville.
Division of Music, Mrs. Eugene S. Cooper, Hammond.
Artists' Council, Mrs. Thomas J. Brooks, Bedford.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Chairman.

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Mrs. Ella Bagot Kehrer, Anderson, Chairman.

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Mrs. Harold G. Lawrance, Winona Lake.

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Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport, Chairman.

Division of Child Welfare, Mrs. Robert Hicks, Cambridge City.

Adviser, Child Welfare and Housing, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.

Division of Child Delinquency, Mrs. Clarence W. Dearth, Muncie.

Division of Public Health, Dr. Florence Olmstead, Kokomo.

Division of Mental Health, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

"CHARACTER EDUCATION"

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention was held in Indianapolis, Claypool Hotel, October 5, 6, 7, 1926.

In writing of her two-year administration as President, Mrs. Sheehan says: "It has been said that the finest thing about being President of any organization is the privilege it gives of being an ex-president. As this ex-president looks backward over the brief span of the ten years that have elapsed, she echoes this sentiment with great fervor. To her is given this opportunity to write the record of the Federation accomplishments of the years 1925-27, and as she reviews this record, she realizes more deeply than ever before that it is not her record at all, but rather that of the 30,000 members whose great devotion and ceaseless energy wrought the fabric of these two precious years. While only the names of those who gave outstanding leadership can be recorded in this brief resumé, to each and every one of you as individuals, all working for our great Federation ideals, she offers this lasting tribute."

Mrs. Sheehan presided at the formal opening and presented Mrs. David Ross, Chairman of the 7th District, who gave the address of welcome. The Hon. Ed. Jackson, Governor of Indiana, greeted the club women, and Mrs. Edward Franklin White, First Vice President and Chairman of the Division of Law Enforcement in the General Federation, gave an address, "The Individual and Public Law Observance." This was followed by an address, "Opportunity versus Responsibility, Our Obligation to Youth," by Grace Leigh Scott. The evening closed with an informal reception to Mrs. White and the State officers by the 7th District.

COUNTY-DISTRICT DEPARTMENT HEADS

"A new emphasis on Department work had been given by the General Federation in a recent reorganization, and," writes Mrs. Sheehan,

"Indiana Federation, in 1925 had followed her leader. With a deep conviction of the importance of this phase of our activity as the crux of our entire program, it was determined to bring Department work closer to the individual clubs by carrying our committees on through the District and into the Counties. For the first time County Chairmen, like District Chairmen, were asked to name Department Chairmen (fifteen), and their ready response to this appeal proved its worth. In little more than one year 54 counties were fully organized and 20 more partially so. It became necessary to head up this program within our official family, and constitutional amendments were passed making the Second Vice President, not merely Chairman of Extension, but Chairman of the District and County Chairmen, making the First Vice President Chairman of Department Chairmen. Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, as Second Vice President, did an excellent piece of extension work by contacting hundreds of unfederated clubs and emphasizing Junior membership and Girls' Week. Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, First Vice President, became the first Chairman of Department Work, and found it necessary to devote her entire time to her task, and she did so with such zeal that she proved the wisdom and assured the success of the constitutional change."

BLUE BLANKS

"Because," continues Mrs. Sheehan, "we had no records whatever within our own organization which enabled us to obtain . . . information, and because we believed that annual reports of individual clubs would provide a summary of our work which would prove both helpful and inspirational, the famous, or infamous, Blue Blank was drafted and first used by our clubs at this time."

RILEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

"Most of you," writes Mrs. Sheehan, "during the first year, were devoting your energies to raising your contributions for the erection of Riley Memorial Hospital, and when your reports were made to the District Conventions of 1926, your President was convinced that our organization must have attained the goal of \$20,000, which would entitle it to name a cubicle in the new hospital. An accounting, made by hospital authorities, gave us a total of \$20,306.49, and a large cubicle in Ward C will forever bear the name, 'Indiana Federation of Clubs.'"

RADIO HOUR

Mrs. Sheehan included the Radio Hour as one of the outstanding features of her two-year terms as President. She says: "Our Radio Hour became a regular feature on Thursday afternoons over WFBM, Indianapolis. The first program was given on February 4, 1926, and these were continued through the club year until May, 1927. Under

the direction of Mrs. Everett M. Schofield, 17 programs were presented the first year, and 25 the second year under the guidance of Mrs. J. F. Edwards. Too much cannot be said in praise of the untiring devotion of these leaders and their assistance in making these programs a wonderful success."

AMERICAN HOME INSTITUTE

"One of the new departments of the GFWC was the American Home Department, created by Mrs. John D. Sherman, President. Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter had been appointed Chairman for Indiana. With her ever-masterly spirit," writes Mrs. Sheehan, "she placed Indiana's program first among those of other states. She held the first American Home Institute—a three-day program with national speakers—in the Indianapolis Woman's Club House in January of 1926, and this program was the first of a series held later from coast to coast. Through her ceaseless activities and the vast amount of publicity she obtained, there was scarcely one of our seven hundred clubs that did not feature her department on its program. Her contribution has been recognized nationally by continuing her as State Chairman for our national 'Better Homes' week." From the minutes we read that at the Atlantic City Convention, Indiana received the second prize of \$15, which upon motion was later given to the American Home Department of the state to further its work.

STUDENT LOANS

"If one were forced," continues Mrs. Sheehan, "to choose the most outstanding accomplishment of this administration, it would probably be Student Loans. This plan had been worked out by your President before her election and steps were taken immediately to put it into action. It was patterned from the State Educational Loan Plan, already in successful operation, in accordance with which our State Federation places money in trust with our two state universities and the college officials administer the loans. . . . The first year 21 funds were established in eleven different Indiana colleges, according to the trust agreements entered into. The interest on these funds has been donated to the State Federation's Educational Loan Funds, divided equally between the two state universities. Hundreds of girls are being benefited each year, and the establishment of new funds and the increase of those already established continues as a major project among our club women. . . . What finer accomplishment for club women than to help worthy girls obtain an education! Let this program go on and on, forever and forever."

A TOWEL FOR EVERY CLUB WOMAN

"The Cooperation for the Blind Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Lewis N. Poyser (succeeding Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, who

headed this committee for ten years), was one of the most active of our committees. During the two-year period, 507 sales were held, 31,245 towels sold, and \$11,817.46 turned over to the Industrial Aid for the Blind. Mrs. Poyser became greatly interested in sight saving, and to her efforts belongs the credit for the passage of an excellent law, which permits the Boards of Education of our city schools to secure state aid for conducting classes for physically handicapped children, and countless members of the children of our state have been benefited by this law."

INDIANA CLUB WOMAN MAGAZINE

Writing of the state publication, Mrs. Sheehan says: "The Indiana Club Woman was given a business manager. (Mrs. Edward Wiggers, Gary, served as editor and business manager.) The subscription list was increased from 750 to 2,300. The total assets of the magazine at the beginning of the administration consisted of six dollars—one unpaid advertising account. Its liabilities were a loan from the Indiana Federation of Clubs for \$500. This loan was repaid and in addition, assets of \$733.44 were turned over to the State Treasurer in October, 1927."

CONVENTION THEMES

"For the first time," writes Mrs. Sheehan, "our state convention programs were built about definite themes. The 1926 Convention, held in Indianapolis, emphasized 'Character Education,' and was so ably developed by Mrs. Edward N. Canine, as program Chairman, that those who were privileged to attend still refer to it as one of the most inspirational." In Mrs. Sheehan's greeting to the club women, we read: "The test of education is in the quality of citizenship turned out."

PROGRAM CONTEST

"The first Program Contest conducted through the generosity of the "Indianapolis Star," was held in 1926, and has continued as it was begun under the capable direction of Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks. It later became a feature of the General Federation," writes Mrs. Sheehan. (See Special Projects.) Mrs. Sparks announced the winners as follows: First, Culture Club, Columbus; second, Saturday Club, Pendleton; third, Home Economics Club, Indianapolis.

GFWC FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Indiana was honored again by having Mrs. Edward Franklin White re-elected First Vice President of the General Federation, without opposition, at the Atlantic City Convention in June.

Mrs. Torrance, GFWC Director, represented the Indiana Federation at the Woman's Industrial Congress, held in Washington, at which 107 National Organizations were represented.

Many fine accomplishments are gleaned from the minutes and from the reports in the Year Book. Mrs. Louis H. Fox, Chairman of the Old Fauntleroy Home Committee, reported many needed articles had been contributed by the women of the state, as well as some money. Forty-six clubs were accepted into membership. The question of Universal Membership was again presented and lost because of a lack of the necessary two-thirds vote. We find Junior Membership placed under Federation Extension. Indiana had pledged \$5,000 toward the purchase of GFWC Headquarters, and \$233.64 remained unpaid. Upon motion, this was ordered paid and the matter closed. At the Atlantic City Convention the Trustees, Mrs. T. W. Peck, Chairman, gave to this fund \$25 in honor of Mrs. Edward Franklin White, and \$25 in honor of Mrs. Sheehan. Four hundred eighty-seven registered voters attended the State Convention, and 631 clubs show on the roster, representing 30,045 members. Gavels were presented as follows: 11th District, with seven new clubs, received the District Gavel; Wabash County, with three new clubs, the County Gavel, and to the 13th District went the Junior Gavel.

ESSAY CONTEST

The bronze award, the work of Ann Vaughn Wyatt, of Muncie, presented by Mrs. Edmund B. Ball, was awarded in the essay contest "The Next Step in the Building of International Goodwill," to Mrs. Edith N. Pfaffenberger, Seymour. Miss Marion W. Cooper, Howe, was second and Miss Ruby Ethel Cundiff, Richmond, third.

An Institute on Press and Publicity was conducted with Mr. Earl Muschlitz, Mr. Tom Ochiltree and Mrs. Florence Webster Long, from the three Indianapolis newspapers. "The entire administration," writes Mrs. Sheehan, "was fortunate in securing good publicity through our most able Press Chairman, Mrs. Harold G. Lawrance, of Winona Lake. Without her devoted hours of service, we should not have been able to accomplish one of our objectives—that of making the public appreciate the Indiana Federation of Clubs."

A Character-Building Symposium was participated in by Mrs. A. E. Craig, Dr. F. D. Kershner, Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood and Dr. Agnes Wells, and included—The Home, Church, School, College, Leisure Hours and The State.

Miss May Robinson, Chairman of the Art Division, reported the first prize, a painting "Indiana Bayou," by J. Otis Adams, was awarded the Art Department of the Women's Department Club of Indianapolis. The second prize, the painting "The Hooked Rug Shop," by Randolph Leslie Coats, was awarded The Art League of Columbus. At the Atlantic City Convention, Indiana was one of the eight best states in the report of art work accomplished.

Mrs. Sheehan gave her hearty support, although it had no connection with the Indiana Federation, to the work of the Hoosier Salon

Patrons' Association, which that year had been organized by Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.

"Emphasis was given by this administration," continues Mrs. Sheehan, "on the development of County Library Systems, on the importance of Probation Officers in every county and on Character Education as a definite part of the curriculum of our public schools.

"Under the able leadership of Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, health surveys were made in four counties and printed by the Metropolitan Life Association."

Mrs. George W. Phillips was appointed Chairman of the Limberlost Memorial Park Fund. This was a project (which, however, did not materialize), for purchasing the home of Gene Stratton Porter, at Sylvan Lake, Rome City, as a memorial. Miss Vida Newsom was appointed a member of the General Advisory Board of the Centennial at Philadelphia in 1926.

Many noted speakers appeared on the program, such as: Roscoe Gilmore Stott; Charles Brandon Booth, National Field Secretary of the Big Brother and Sister Movement; Dr. W. P. Dearing, President of Oakland College; Dr. Sherman Davis.

Mrs. Frances M. Swain, President of the Indiana Union in 1899, then of Swarthmore, Penna., greeted the members. (Now deceased.) Mrs. Walter McNabb Miller, Chairman of the Public Welfare Department of GFWC, was a guest, and Mrs. Rufus C. Dawes, Evanston, Illinois, Chairman of the Department of International Relations of the GFWC, spoke informally.

Under the heading, "Some Reminiscences," Mrs. John R. Miller and Miss Elizabeth Ames, Greencastle Woman's Club, the oldest club in the Indiana Federation (see Early Clubs), talked about "The Days of '74;" Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, on "The Days of Our Infancy," and Mrs. S. E. Perkins, "The Birth of the General Federation."

MISS ELIZABETH NICHOLSON'S DEATH

A resolution was read on the death of Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, third President of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, and also for the artist Theodore C. Steele, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler conducting the Memorial Hour.

Those attending the Convention enjoyed a Musical Tea at the Woman's Department Club, and a theatre party at the Circle Theatre, at eleven p. m., through the efforts of the Indiana Indorsers of Photo-plays.

The 1926 Convention came to a close with the presenting of the newly-elected officers: Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, First Vice President; Mrs. Cora Long Saxon, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Treasurer; Mrs. T. W. Peck, Trustee.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

TERRE HAUTE, OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, 1927

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Trustees

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Mrs. Estella B. Prince, Brownstown, Secretary.
Mrs. T. W. Peck, Clayton.
GFWC Director, Mrs. Oscar M. Pittinger, Indianapolis.
Parliamentarian, Mrs. John Edward Moore, Kokomo.

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4. Mrs. R. J. Barbour, Seymour.
5. Mrs. Arthur Cunningham, Terre Haute.
6. Mrs. Roscoe C. O'Byrne, Brookville.
7. Mrs. H. K. Fatout, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. George Wesley Jaqua, Winchester.
9. Mrs. Frank B. Lyon, Delphi.
10. Mrs. J. H. Lyman, Monon.
11. Mrs. Walter Bent, Wabash.
12. Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, Fort Wayne.
13. Mrs. Francis M. Neff, Milford.

Convention Committees

Program, Mrs. J. A. Patterson, Gary.
Local Arrangements, Mrs. Arthur Cunningham, Terre Haute.
Resolutions, Mrs. E. S. Webster, South Bend.
Credentials, Mrs. Horace F. Campbell, Frankfort.
Elections, Mrs. W. J. Whitelock, Huntington.
Transportation, Mrs. George A. VanDyke, Indianapolis.

Special Committees

Club Extension, Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Warsaw.
Junior Membership, Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, South Bend.
Endorsement, Mrs. Jennie Moss, Maxwell.
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Speakers' Bureau, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis.

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Library Adviser, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Muncie.
Better Speech, Miss Emily Goldthwaite, Marion.
Club Study Courses, Mrs. Quincy A. Myers, Perrysville.
Community Service, Mrs. A. W. Roach, Richmond.
Conservation, Mrs. E. W. Barrett, Muncie.

FINE ARTS

Miss Alice Higgins, Indianapolis, Chairman.
Art, Miss May Robinson, Washington.
Adviser, Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis.
Literature, Mrs. Eva Marble Bondy, Valparaiso.
Music, Mrs. Fred O'Hair, Greencastle.
Artists' Council, Mrs. Thomas J. Brooks, Bedford.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Studying World Conditions, Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Winchester.
Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Chairman.
Educating for Peace, Mrs. E. B. Ball, Muncie.

LEGISLATION

Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer, Anderson.

PRESS AND PUBLICITY

Indiana Club Woman, Mrs. H. G. Lawrance, Winona Lake.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport, Chairman.
Child Welfare, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City.
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Child Delinquency, Mrs. Frank Felter, Huntington.
Public Health, Miss Ina M. Gaskill, Indianapolis.
Mental Health, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

INDIANA CLUB INSTITUTE

Mrs. John S. McFaddin, Rockville.

"THE SPIRIT OF BEAUTY"

Presiding with the President at the formal opening of the Convention were Mrs. Elmer Funk, Second Vice President, and Mrs. Arthur Cunningham, General Chairman.

"The Spirit of Beauty" was the theme and also the subject of Mrs. Sheehan's address, in which she stressed the right attitude of women seeking the "Spirit of Beauty," within her own rank, in order to give it to others. Charles Brandon Booth, New York City, addressed the assembly on "Beauty for Ashes," urging that we "Give to Youth an ideal, faith and a sense of unity with the things we do ourselves." The first evening closed with a reception by the Woman's Department Club, of Terre Haute, in their club house.

"The theme was carried out during the entire session. We read that W. H. McLean, of DePauw University, chose for his subject, "Beautiful Attitudes of the Educated Mind." There was a symposium on "Woman's Obligation to Beauty." Prof. Clarence Manion, of Notre Dame University, gave an address: "The National Spirit of Beauty."

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, First Vice President of the General Federation, explained the "Relation Between the State and the General Federation." Mrs. W. R. Alvord, Detroit, Chairman of the American Citizenship Department of GFWC, spoke on "Citizenship—Woman's Opportunity."

MRS. EDWARD FRANKLIN WHITE'S CANDIDACY

In the Historical Edition of the Club Woman, Mrs. Sheehan wrote: "One of the major activities undertaken is our promotion of the campaign in behalf of the election of Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, for President of the General Federation. Announcements of our endorsement have been sent out and committees organized for promotion." In the resolutions passed by the Convention one read:

Whereas, In presenting Mrs. Edward Franklin White as a candidate for the office of President of the General Federation we are giving our finest type of womanly character, of efficiency, of loyalty to the General Federation.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Indiana Federation of Clubs continues to use its best influence, its womanly character, its efficiency and loyalty to further her election.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON
(Enlighten Your Own Pathway)

"Another accomplishment of this administration," writes Mrs. Sheehan, "which has had a great influence on the growth of our club women, was the launching of Epsilon Sigma Omicron Sorority. To Mrs. Quincy A. Myers, of Perrysville, and to Mrs. Robert Burke, of Indiana University, belongs the credit! Mrs. Myers wrote your President that, in her judgment, club women were eager to pursue more definite courses of study. She was appointed Chairman to work out some plan with the stipulation that it should be so linked up with our state university as to make it really worthwhile. . . . Mrs. Myers' devotion to E. S. O.—her child—was recognized by electing her President of the state's Alpha Chapter and of the national organization." (See Special Projects.)

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME THANK OFFERING

"In November, 1927, our clubs were asked to take a silver offering—a 'Thank Offering'—for needed improvements on the Old Fauntleroy Home," writes Mrs. Sheehan. "Mrs. John S. McFaddin, former First Vice President, acted as Chairman and the club women were most generous in response to this appeal, \$1,034.89 being turned over for the use of the House Committee."

JUNIORS' DINNER MEETING

The first dinner meeting, sponsored by the Juniors, was held at this Convention, at which time they presented a play: "The Dream Maker."

BUSINESS

Taking from the minutes, we find there were 401 voting delegates. A lecture tour for Grace Leigh Scott, who talked to High School groups on Character Education, was arranged. There are 267 Indiana clubs belonging to the GFWC, 629 clubs are on the state roster, representing 30,000 members, with an increase of 39 clubs for the year. Indiana ranks first with 31 new clubs joining GFWC, and Massachusetts second. The District Gavel was awarded the 11th District; County Gavel was won by three counties—Owen, Grant and Wabash. Each county will have the Gavel four months. Thirteenth District received the Junior Gavel. Fifty dollars per month was to be paid the editor and business manager of the Club Woman Magazine, Mrs. Edwin Wiggers, if the sum could be taken from the earnings of the magazine. A resolution on the question of repurchase of the Old Fauntleroy Home, if the Federation desired to sell, and if a satisfactory price could be agreed upon, was lost. A drive to St. Marys-of-the-Woods was a feature of the Convention.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Mrs. Sheehan appointed Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis, Chairman of the Speakers' Bureau, which she had just created; having had the feeling for some time that there were many members of the various clubs of IFC who had much to offer along their chosen lines which would be of interest to the club women. "Then too," said Mrs. Sheehan, "if our clubs were to be the adult woman's college which we so loudly boasted they were, then they should give every encouragement possible to club members for self-expression." This was the first attempt which the Indiana Federation had made to bring artist and club audience together. The list of these speakers grew rapidly, and almost at once the Chairman was contacted by both men and women, non-members of the Federation, who wished to contact the clubs as a possible public for speaking engagements for a fee. No fee was charged the speaker at that time for her promotion before the club audiences. This was a great step forward in bringing the informed, qualified speaker to the club interested in a particular field of work.

FIRST STATE HISTORIAN

Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, Past State President, was appointed the first State Historian, and held the office for many years. Mrs. Sheehan writes of the necessity for a permanent historian, as follows: "The closing accomplishment, planned and executed by your President, was the publication of the Historical Edition of the Indiana Club Woman—the July-August (1927) issue. The history covered the entire life of the Federation, from its beginning in Richmond in 1890, with a resume of each Presidential administration. Each living President was asked

to write her own article and furnish a photograph of herself, preferably taken about the time she served as President. Much joy was obtained from this correspondence, which went from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It was, of course, impossible to locate any relatives of some of our Past Presidents, and it was only after diligent search that we were finally able to reproduce the pictures of every Past President, and give some sketch of their administrations. The custody of these precious cuts must be intrusted to a permanent historian and this office was created." (By revision to the By-Laws.) We feel that the Federation is indeed fortunate to have this treasured collection of cuts available for the use of this new history. May it be guarded as it deserves for future generations of club women.

"We trust we are only human when we point with pride to these records of achievement for the short span of one two-year term. We know we are only human in wishing for the Federation countless years of increasing influence in the building of a better America."

With the presentation of the new officers, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, President, the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention came to a close.

ADDENDA

Mrs. Sheehan reported she had addressed ten individual clubs, seven county and thirteen District Conventions, Tri-State Library meeting, Purdue Home Economic Association Convention, the First Character Education Conference. She had visited the Old Fauntleroy Home, attended three American Home Institutes in cooperation with the American Home Department, visited the Hoosier Art Salon, Illinois Federation of Clubs Convention, and the American Library Association. She was appointed a member of the Indiana Committee on Home Education and State Chairman of the Reception for Queen Marie of Rumania when she stopped in Indianapolis, in 1926, on her way to dedicate a museum of fine arts near Seattle, Washington, by Samuel Hill, a former Red Cross officer in Rumania. Dowager Queen Marie died July, 1938.



Grace Prow Hinkle

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1928

Fortieth Annual Convention

FORT WAYNE, 1929

PRESIDENT

GRACE PROW HINKLE (MRS. HAMET D.), VINCENNES

Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle (Grace Lucretia Prow), one of three children of Fred L. and Lucretia Anne Montgomery Prow, was born in southern Indiana, in Salem, where her father for many years was successfully engaged in the practice of law. The village of Prowsville, in Washington County, still stands as evidence of the distinction of his family in a community which was an early center of education and culture.

Nurtured in the principles of Christian living, in early girlhood Grace united with the Methodist Church. She received her early educa-

tion at the State Teachers' College, Terre Haute, with special courses in vocal and public school music in Chicago and Indianapolis. After three years of teaching in the upper grades, she began her special work as Music Supervisor. As instructor at teachers' institutes, she held classes in southern Indiana, where musical interest was keen.

In 1909, she married Hamet D. Hinkle, of Vincennes, where she has since resided, growing into the life of church, school, and community. She and Mr. Hinkle have always maintained a home of highest Christian standards, carefully rearing his two children by a former marriage, who were quite small when Grace Lucretia Prow entered the home as a bride.

Mrs. Hinkle has been directing the choir of the First Baptist Church, of Vincennes, continuously for thirteen years. She organized and now directs a young people's choir in the First Methodist Church, of Vincennes, with which both she and her husband have been closely identified throughout their married life.

It was in December of 1892 when she, as a girl in High School, became a charter member of the Columbian Club of Salem. After coming to Vincennes, in 1909, she became a member of Vincennes Fortnightly Club, and has served as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and in 1918 was elected President. The same year she was elected Vice President of the Second District Federation at their Convention in Vincennes.

FIRST CLUB HOUSE—VINCENNES FORTNIGHTLY

It was during Mrs. Hinkle's Presidency of Fortnightly that the last payment of \$250 was made on the cottage club house and the mortgage burned with ceremony, which distinguishes Vincennes Fortnightly as the **FIRST INDIANA WOMAN'S CLUB TO OWN ITS OWN HOME.**

Mrs. Hinkle attended a State Convention for the first time at Richmond, in 1910, and has been present at 26 of the 27 Conventions since, and has attended the sessions of ten GFWC meetings. It was in 1922 that Mrs. Hinkle served IFC as State Chairman of Music. At this time, Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, afterward President of GFWC, was State Music Chairman of Oklahoma. Both Mrs. Hinkle and Mrs. Lawson gave assistance at the GFWC Biennial, at Chautauqua, N. Y. Mrs. Hinkle has frequently directed the singing for various state and GFWC meetings, including the GFWC Council, at West Baden, Indiana; Phoenix, Arizona, and the Biennial at Atlantic City.

In 1923-1924 Mrs. Hinkle served IFC as First Vice President, which then embraced the office of Chairman of District Chairmen. In 1925-1927 she served as Chairman of Applied Education of IFC, and 1927-29 as President. She was the first President of the IFC to attend the January Board meeting of the GFWC, in Washington, D. C., and says Mrs. Hinkle: "... there learned that all State Presidents are

expected to attend each year, a practice which has since prevailed in Indiana."

It was through Mrs. Hinkle's efforts that the Hoosier Program Bureau came into being. (See Special Projects.) Indiana was the first state to promote such a state-wide project, so Mrs. Hinkle is again discovered pioneering in the field of culture.

In 1928-1931 Mrs. Hinkle served as Vice Chairman of the Fine Arts Department of the GFWC, and as GFWC Director from Indiana in 1929-1931. Due to the absence of the Fine Arts Chairman, Mrs. Hinkle took charge of Fine Arts Day and arranged for and presided at the Fine Arts Luncheon at the Denver Biennial.

At the Indiana Conference on Law Observance and Enforcement, called by Governor Harry G. Leslie, 1927, Mrs. Hinkle was one of twenty-seven representative leaders of the state who formed the committee. She served as a member of the Program Committee, Committee on Conclusions, and was retained as one of five members of the Executive Committee.

Mrs. Hinkle was chosen by Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, National Chairman of Women, to be Chairman of Indiana Women on the Will Rogers Memorial Commission.

The diversity of Mrs. Hinkle's activities has carried her far, broadened her cultural background, and deepened her spiritual insight. The proudest trophies of her career are the innumerable friendships she has formed with those who, like herself, cherish beyond price the good, the true, and the beautiful.

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes.
First Vice President, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru.
Second Vice President, Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Walter Saxon, Falmouth.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harry L. Green, Muncie.
Treasurer, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.

Trustees

Mrs. Estella B. Prince, Brownstown, Chairman.
Mrs. T. W. Peck, Clayton, Secretary.
Mrs. George W. Phillips, South Bend.
GFWC Director (To June, 1927), Mrs. Oscar M. Pittinger, Indianapolis. (After June, 1927) Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
Parliamentarian, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis.

Honorary President

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, West Lafayette.

District Chairmen

1. Mrs. Andrew J. Hopkins, Boonville.
2. Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Martinsville.
3. Mrs. Charles S. Hartley, New Albany.
4. Mrs. R. J. Barbour, Seymour.
5. Mrs. Frank Donner, Greencastle.
6. Mrs. Roscoe C. O'Byrne, Brookville.
7. Mrs. George M. Cornelius, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. George W. Jaqua, Winchester.
9. Miss May Hobbs, Tipton.
10. Mrs. J. H. Lyman, Monon.
11. Mrs. Walter Bent, Wabash.
12. Mrs. Glenn Knauss, LaGrange.
13. Mrs. Francis Neff, Milford.

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IFC, Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis.
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Hostess, Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, New Harmony.
Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.
Radio Hour, Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Indianapolis.
Speakers' Bureau, Dean Mary L. Matthews, Lafayette.
Historian, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo.

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Club Institute, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru.

"TO GLORIFY INDIANA"

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention was held in Indianapolis, October 23, 24, 25, 1928.

The President, Mrs. Hinkle, asked that the outstanding project for the year be "Highway Beautification," and this was stressed throughout the two years, along with the Honor Society, Epsilon Sigma Omicron and Universal Membership.

The formal opening of the Convention was preceded by a processional of State Officers, Department and Division Chairmen and Club Presidents. The welcome address was given by Mrs. George M. Cornelius, retiring President of the 7th District, and the response by Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, First Vice President, IFC. Mrs. Edward Franklin White's address, "The Achievements of the Indiana Commonwealth," followed the President's greetings, the evening closing with a reception to Mrs. White and the state officers.

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

"The first big problem to claim attention in my administration," writes Mrs. Hinkle, "was the saving and restoration of the Old Fauntleroy Home. The result of the investigation as to the first woman's club in the United States, made by Mrs. John D. Sherman, then President of GFWC, was announced at the Biennial Council, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, summer of 1927. Great disappointment was felt by all that Indiana could no longer claim this honor for the Minerva of New Harmony. On account of this information, a proposal to dispose of the property was considered but rejected.

"Expert information was sought as to the HISTORIC worth of the Home and ALL agreed that both the house and its furnishings possess great historic value. Col. George B. Lockwood placed the right estimate of its value to us when he said: 'Not only because the Old Fauntleroy Home was associated with the beginning of the Woman's Club movement, but because it was the home of Robert Dale Owen, who secured equal property rights for women and advocated equal suffrage should the Home ever be of interest and value to the club women of Indiana.'

"A new business policy was adopted and the affairs of the Home put in charge of a Board of Managers, which plan has ever since been followed. This Board met at the Home, investigated its needs and began at once extensive repairs and improvements to both the house and grounds.

"While in Washington, D. C., on official Federation business, a personal visit was made to Col. Lockwood, seeking publicity for the Home through the National Republic. The article promised at that time appeared in the issue of January, 1931, under the title, 'The

Cradle of Women's Rights.' At the National Museum information was sought of Dr. Hough, curator, on the Indian suit and buffalo robe worn by David Dale Owen on his geological surveys. He verified the fact that it is a Sioux suit and robe, . . . and one of the Owen geological cabinets was fitted with glass doors and made into a display cabinet for these valuable articles. Dr. Hough interpreted the conventional design on the robe to mean a prayer for the increase of the buffalo. In response to our requests for his help in appraising the value of these precious belongings, he advised an arbitrary valuation.

"The Board of Managers, assisted by Miss Drusilla Cravens and other experts, appraised our property and its furnishings. This evaluation considerably exceeded the price paid for the property. . . . My administration closed with the Old Fauntleroy Home in splendid condition and beautiful to see."

We read in the minutes that Mrs. E. B. Ball, Muncie, was made Vice Chairman of the Home's Board of Managers, that she gave the privet hedge which was placed on two sides of the property, and donated 600 Wedgewood plates to be sold at the home. Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, hostess at the Home, was present and greeted the members. She gave a detailed description of the Home, illustrating her talk with pictures. Several donations were made after Miss Fauntleroy's talk. Miss Cravens donated lovely period paper for several rooms and the hall; Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, a catalogue file; Twelfth District, through the Chairman, Mrs. Glenn Knauss, a guest book; Mr. Defur, of Mt. Vernon, gold mountings for the three downstairs rooms, and the Shakespeare Circle, Brazil, a piece of needle-point, made by Mrs. Fannie Zeller, for one of the old chairs.

CANDIDACY OF MRS. EDWARD FRANKLIN WHITE

In speaking of the candidacy of Mrs. White, for the Presidency of GFWC, Mrs. Hinkle writes as follows: "Literally thousands of letters were written by the women of Indiana in promotion of her candidacy. The importance of having every section of our state represented by its full quota of voting delegates in San Antonio, Texas, was stressed by the President, and a special speaker supplied for all District Conventions. Sixty-six women made the long trip and spared not themselves to bring this great honor to an Indiana woman and our Federation.

"I count it one of the high spots of my administration, when as Indiana's President I stood, dressed all in white, carrying a huge bouquet of white jessamine to proclaim to the Council of State Presidents the many virtues, graces and powers of leadership, and to place in nomination our own Mrs. White for President of the General Federation, the highest office within the gift of club women.

"We were known at the San Antonio Biennial as the singing delegation. We had a repertory of sixteen songs; we sang chiefly the In-

diana Slogan upon which through the years at GFWC gatherings we have been so highly complimented, and

We're from Indiana,
Good old Indiana;
Indiana where the Wabash flows.
Land of peace and plenty,
Always change a twenty
Indiana, where your seed corn grows.

An added stanza, with apologies to William Herschell, was also included—

We have come to Texas,
Yes, we've come to Texas,
Glorious Texas where the sun shines bright.
We have come to battle
Not for short-horn cattle,
We're in Texas to elect Peggy White.

Headquarters for the Indiana Delegation was the St. Anthony Hotel. "It was a great disappointment to Indiana women and many, many others, that Mrs. White was not elected, for we who have had the best opportunity to learn her worth, know she would have rendered a valuable service to the General Federation. Our defeat was turned into victory by at once seeking to keep Indiana at the height of its strength as an integral part of the General Federation and by giving to the new President, Mrs. Sipple, the same loving loyal support we would have given Mrs. White."

HIGHWAY BEAUTIFICATION

The special project of the administration was "Highway Beautification." The Indiana law provided for planting the miles and miles of new roads to prevent erosion, but made no provision for beautifying. Through the cooperation of the State Department of Conservation and the State Highway Commission, and by donations from club women of quick-growing flowers and shrubs, the simple plan of beautification was accomplished. Tree planting was less a part of the plan, because of the need for road widening later on.

"Associated Press carried news stories of our project," continues Mrs. Hinkle, "to the far corners of the state. . . . It is gratifying to know that the State Highway Commission gives our Federation credit for inaugurating Highway Beautification, which is now a regular part of the state highway program."

UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP

The Findings Committee for the Council meeting reported: "From the apparently unanimous sentiment in favor of Universal Membership expressed by the members attending the Council meeting, your committee recommends that the Convention request the Revisions Committee to prepare amendments to the Constitution, which shall provide for universal membership and present same for passage to the 1929 Convention."

Many outstanding speakers were present. Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Honorary President, extended greetings; Miss Forba McDaniels, former President of the Business Women's Clubs, spoke, as did Dr. Max A. Bahr, Superintendent Central State Hospital, and Prof. J. Raymond Schutz, North Manchester College. At the Federation dinner, Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, President of the University of Minnesota and a former Indiana man, gave the principal address. Thomas S. Elrod, the Irvington Philosopher, with the "Indianapolis News," spoke in a humorous vein on "Minutes of the Last Meeting," and "Chic" Jackson, creator of "The Beans," "Indianapolis Star," entertained with crayon sketches, entitled "Cold Potatoes."

"To help club women help themselves" is the slogan of the Reciprocity Committee. The minutes show that 21,250 towels, made by Indiana's blind, were sold. The first prize for art work, a landscape, by Otis Adams, was won a second time by the Columbus Art League, and the second prize, "The Hooked Rug Shop," by Randolph Coates, by the Peru Art Club. In the Speakers' Contest, under the caption, "Advantages of Federation," Mrs. Floyd Jones, West Lafayette, was first, and was presented an autographed copy of "The Cavalier of Tennessee," by Meredith Nicholson. The second prize, a Rebecca Jar, hand wrought pottery, made by Miss Jane Uhl, Huntington, went to Mrs. James Parlon, New Richmond. The third prize, a pen sketch of the Bean Family, by "Chic" Jackson, went to Mrs. Perry Wooley, Heltonville.

MEMBERSHIP

The District Gavel was won by Mrs. Glenn Knauss, 12th District, with 13 new clubs; the County Gavel to Mrs. Floyd Jones, 10th District, with 9 new clubs, and the Junior Gavel also to 12th District for bringing in three new Junior clubs. Mrs. Bence A. Daggy, 5th District, received the \$5 in gold for the most Junior clubs.

The International Relations Department received \$100 from Mrs. E. B. Ball, Muncie, to further their work.

The picture, "In Summer Hills," by Forsythe, was presented GFWC Headquarters, by the Director, Mrs. Pittinger. This was procured by money donated by club women all over Indiana. Mrs. Pittinger reported Indiana had brought into GFWC the greatest number of new

clubs this year—48, and secured the \$25 offered by Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, GFWC Extension Chairman. Mrs. Sheehan, Director from June on, reported Indiana 100%, with 217 clubs paying dues in the GFWC.

LEGAL ADVISER

Mrs. Hinkle reported the Executive Committee as having created the newly appointive office of Legal Adviser, and had honored Mrs. White with the appointment. It was decided to send an Indiana flag for the Memorial exhibit at Valley Forge.

We read there were 459 delegates. Sixty-six new clubs have been received into State membership with 24 withdrawing. The roster shows 677 clubs with 32,154 members.

The newly-elected officers were then presented. Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, First Vice President; Mrs. Charles S. Hartley, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Treasurer; Mrs. Estella B. Prince, Trustee.

FORTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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7. Mrs. Robert McAlexander, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. Karl T. Brown, Muncie.
9. Miss May Hobbs, Tipton.
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"OUR STEWARDSHIP"

The Fortieth Annual Convention was held in Fort Wayne, October 22, 23, 24, 1929.

The Advisory Board meetings covered problems of the Federation, and the discussion brought to light: "That to use the material furnished and pass on to your successor your experience and the things you have tried and learned is the best continuation policy."

During the processional, which preceded the formal opening, "Woman's Triumphant March" was sung by the Fort Wayne Woman's Club Chorus. Mrs. R. L. Porterfield, President of the club, and Mrs. Glenn Knauss, President of the Twelfth District, extended greetings to which the response was made by Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, First Vice President of the Federation.

The following former Presidents were introduced: Professor John B. Wisely, President of the Indiana Union 1898, and the only man ever to hold the office in the Indiana Federation; Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, 1903; Miss Vida Newsom, 1913; Mrs. John E. Moore, 1917; Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, 1919; Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, 1923; Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, 1925.

Through the courtesy of the Fort Wayne Woman's Club, a group of songs was presented by Mrs. Florence S. Starr, followed by an address, "Fear," by Rabbi Louis L. Mann, of Sinai Temple, Chicago. The meeting closed with a reception in the new club home of the Woman's Club, with the members and the 12th District as hostesses.

Mrs. George W. Plummer, Chicago, Past Chairman of the GFWC Department of Education, addressed the assembly on "Parliamentary Law," and held round-table discussions each morning of the Convention. Mr. Al Becker, of Station WOWO, Fort Wayne, talked on "Wireless, Our Wonderful Opportunity." Mrs. Edward Franklin White's address was "One Constituent at Home Worth Two Lobbyists." Mrs. Eugene B. Lawson, Oklahoma, then Second Vice President GFWC, was introduced by Mrs. Sheehan as the granddaughter of the last Chief of the Delaware tribe of Indians. Mrs. Lawson wore a beautiful Indian costume of white buckskin and illustrated her address by singing the songs and legends of the American Indian. Twelfth District presented Judge Clyde C. Carlin, Angola, whose address "Indiana's Contribution to American History," made a most outstanding program. The Federation Banquet at the Anthony Hotel featured President G. Bromley Oxnam of DePauw University.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON

"Our Federation Greek Letter Society, Epsilon Sigma Omicron, became an established organization at the Indianapolis Convention of 1928. . . . It became the duty of the new President," writes Mrs. Hinkle, "to promote this new adult education plan and this she did with enthusiasm, so great was her estimate of its value. She carried the translation of its name, 'Enlighten Your Own Pathway,' as the title of her address to the District Federation Conventions and made clear the plans of our proposed society to many other groups as well. At GFWC meetings Epsilon Sigma Omicron was explained and three other states were seeking to join with us in a national society. When I passed the torch to Mrs. Miller's hand, this child of the Federation was strong, healthy and one year old." The first dinner of the sorority was held during the Convention with Mrs. Quincy A. Myers presiding.

CLUB INSTITUTES

"For three years previous to my election to the presidency and during the first year of my tenure," continued Mrs. Hinkle, "I served the GFWC as Section Chairman of Club Institutes, then a new plan

of GFWC." Mrs. John Downing Johnson in her report on Club Institutes, says, "The Institutes and Council Meetings inaugurated by our State President, Mrs. Hinkle, when she was Vice President (1923) have developed into an avenue of tremendous importance. This was the intention of the GFWC in its conception."

Continuing, Mrs. Hinkle says: "For several years before we called them Institutes, there were conferences of County Chairmen at District meetings and conferences of District and Department workers at State Conventions. We were in advance of many states in this. Later we merely continued our conferences under the new name of Club Institutes. (The two Vice Presidents were made co-chairmen.) During this period there was a great increase in department institutes, American Home Department holding the largest number.

HOOSIER SALON—PROGRAM BUREAU

Mrs. C. B. King, Secretary of the Hoosier Salon, writes: "At the annual meeting of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association held in Chicago in May, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, President of the State Federation of Indiana, was elected Fourth Vice President of the Association to fill the vacancy caused by the serious illness of Mrs. S. E. Perkins, who has since passed away.

"When Mrs. Hinkle visited the last Hoosier Salon she endorsed the idea of making every Club President in the State of Indiana a patron of the Hoosier Salon Association. It was also voted at the annual meeting to add music to our activities, aiding, as far as possible, struggling musicians to secure engagements and recommending them for club programs. Mrs. Hinkle will be made Chairman of this work."

"The result of this was the launching of the Hoosier Program Bureau in September, 1930," says Mrs. Hinkle. "The Federation endorsed the Bureau in 1930, has been a patron since 1931 and since the State Convention of 1932 has promoted the whole Salon movement, including both branches." (See Special Project.)

UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTED

"Indiana became a Universal Membership State by action of the State Convention, October 23, 1929, to go into effect January 1, 1931. This action," says Mrs. Hinkle, "was the greatest achievement of my administration, because it is of vital importance to the very life of the Federation and all its branches." This action was taken, after much discussion, by a vote of 83 to 183. The plan is as follows: Those clubs eligible to Universal Membership will pay fifty cents per capita which will be apportioned to various units in the Federation. Ten cents will be returned to the Counties; 5c to the Districts; 5c will be voted into a special project fund; 10c to GFWC; 20c into the treasury of the Indiana Federation.

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

Mrs. Arthur Jaquess, Poseyville, reported on the Home as Chairman of the Board of Managers. Gradually the Home is being brought up to the high standard which it should hold as the home of many noted people. The completion of the Maintenance Fund for the Home was urged. The plates and postcards showing pictures of the Home find a ready sale, as well as the gavel made from wood of the Home. Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, Hostess, has superintended the improvements in house and grounds. She has had built at her own expense a cypress pergola at the rear of the house. She has had all the furniture in the old bedroom refinished, for it belonged to the former occupants of the Home, and she has donated two rugs. In fact, many, many additions have been made to the Home in many ways for which Miss Fauntleroy has never been given credit, but the increased value of the property is attested to by the ever-growing list of visitors to the Home.

Many prizes were offered during the year. We find 13th District, Mrs. Fred Noyes, Mishawaka, received a prize for the most subscriptions, 410, to the Club Woman. Lake County, Mrs. L. A. Brownell, Lowell, was second with 225. A GFWC pin, presented by Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Director, for the most clubs brought into GFWC, was awarded Mrs. L. B. Harrington, Knox County, 2d District. Keith Jones of North Manchester; Jessie Huntsinger, Muncie; James Wood, Salem, and Francis Cameron, Indianapolis, received prizes in the American Citizenship Essay Contest.

In the Extension Contest on the subject, "Why Federate?" prizes of autographed books by Booth Tarkington, Kin Hubbard and William Herschell were presented Mrs. William I. Ellison, 13th District; Mrs. Marshall Davis, 2d District; Mrs. Carl Tuttle, 12th District, and Mrs. J. S. McCurry, 10th District. The Junior gavel went to Mrs. William Guthrie, 10th District, for three new clubs; the District gavel to Mrs. Paul C. Miller, 14 new clubs, 6th District; County gavel to Mrs. Emery White, Knightstown, Henry County, 6 clubs. The \$5 personal prize of Mrs. John D. Johnson to the winning County Chairman, also went to Mrs. White.

FOUNDATION FUND

The Findings Committee presented a Resolution regarding the Foundation Fund of GFWC, which was passed, as follows:

RESOLVED: That the IFC, while in sympathy with the movement to increase the financial assets of the GFWC, declines to accept a per capita assessment, but hereby requests the Executive Committee to make plans whereby Indiana shall make contribution consistent with her own financial condition and her standing in the Federation.

The plan is for all club women in the Federation to contribute \$2.50 over a period of years—\$1.25 to be sent to GFWC and \$1.25 to stay in the State Treasury from which the money is sent. Only the interest from the Fund will be used to further Federation Work.

REPORTS

Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks reported the "Indianapolis Star" Program Building contest was in its fourth year and that letters regarding the plan had been received from North and South Dakota, Oregon, Nebraska and Texas. There is a voting body of 435. The roster shows 709 clubs, representing 32,378 members in IFC and 220 clubs with 13,564 members in GFWC. Student Loan Funds given Indiana University for blind students amounted to \$401.45. Towels to the number of 24,895 were sold and the total receipts from articles made by Indiana's blind amounted to \$7,335.00.

There were 12 issues of the Club Woman and the minutes show that the \$500 loaned the editor was returned. Fifty dollars was given to the General Federation News in partial payment for the large number of free copies sent our state. Fifty dollars was sent the Maintenance Fund at Headquarters in honor of Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Past Indiana Director. Memberships in the name of the President were taken out in the Indiana Society for Mental Hygiene and the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association. Mrs. Theodore Burkham, Lawrenceburg, was given the title "Daughter of the Flag," which is the Legion of Honor of the United States Flag Association. The Trustees suggested that each Trustee serve as Chairman one year. This has proved very satisfactory and is the plan carried out today.

DEATH OF MRS. S. E. PERKINS

A Memorial Hour, led by Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, was held for club women and particularly for Mrs. Lutie Baker Gunn, Mrs. Estella B. Prince and Mrs. S. E. Perkins.

With the presentation of the new officers, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, President, the Convention came to a close.



Florence H. Miller

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Forty-First Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1930

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WEST BADEN, 1931

PRESIDENT

FLORENCE H. MILLER (MRS. EDWIN F.), PERU

Florence Henton Miller (Mrs. Edwin F.) is a descendant of early American stock. Her ancestors were of Colonial and Revolutionary

days, coming westward into Indiana with the pioneers of Miami County. Mrs. Miller says, "Perhaps that is the reason I like history and treasure lovely old things."

After graduation from the Peru High School, Mrs. Miller and her sister entered St. Mary's of the Woods, Terre Haute, from which they graduated. Later Florence attended the University of Chicago for some special courses.

Upon her marriage to Mr. Edwin F. Miller, Toledo, Ohio, became their home. They were three years in the mountains of Tennessee, "... where we were in search of health." Since then Peru has been their home.

Mrs. Miller has entered into the civic life of her community. She says: "I am a housekeeper with a small family. I like politics and have tried to make my contribution to local civic projects." Her connection with the club woman movement in Indiana began soon after her return to Peru to reside, and she has contributed much to her local clubs, to her County, District, State, and also to the General Federation. She feels they are filling a place in the life of today when she says, "Women's clubs are a great diversion—for education, friendships, opportunity, and broader outlooks on life."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru.

First Vice President, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.

Second Vice President, Mrs. Harry L. Green, Muncie.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charles S. Hartley, New Albany.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Martinsville.

Treasurer, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City.

Trustees

Mrs. George W. Phillips, South Bend, Chairman.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Secretary.

Mrs. T. W. Peck, Clayton.

GFWC Director (to June), Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary; (after June) Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes.

Legal Adviser, Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis.

Parliamentarian, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis.

Honorary President

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, West Lafayette.

District Presidents

1. Mrs. H. R. Whitelock, Petersburg.
2. Mrs. Herbert H. Sloan, Worthington.
3. Mrs. Azro Moss, Orleans.
4. Mrs. Philip R. Long, Columbus.

5. Miss Louise Klingler, Brazil.
6. Mrs. Paul C. Miller, Mt. Summit.
7. Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. John W. Tyndall, Decatur.
9. Miss May Hobbs, Tipton.
10. Mrs. A. R. Putnam, Valparaiso.
11. Mrs. F. W. Troutman, Peru.
12. Mrs. Glenn Knauss, LaGrange.
13. Miss Alice Yeakel, Knox.

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 Transportation, Mrs. H. K. Fatout, Indianapolis.

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Club Extension—

GFWC, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
 IFC, Mrs. Harry L. Green, Muncie.
 Rural Cooperation, Mrs. Wellman Brunner, Wabash.
 Junior Membership, Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis.
 Cooperation for Blind, Mrs. Arthur W. Bacon, Mishawaka.
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 Hostess, Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, New Harmony.
 Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.
 Speakers' Bureau, Dean Mary L. Matthews, Lafayette.
 Historian, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo.
 Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Mrs. Quincey A. Myers, Perrysville.

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Student Loan, Mrs. Charles S. Coons, Gary.
Kindergarten Extension, Miss Prudence Kenner, Huntington.
Adult Education, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Perrysville.
Library Extension, Mrs. May Hurst Fowler, Peru.
Library Adviser, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl, Muncie.
Better Speech, Mrs. E. E. White, Knightstown.
Community Service, Mrs. George W. Jaqua, Winchester.
Conservation, Mrs. E. W. Barrett, Muncie.

FINE ARTS

Mrs. Leon Stern, Terre Haute, Chairman.
Art, Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, South Bend (Chicago).
Adviser, Mrs. J. Otis Adams, Indianapolis.
Literature, Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Indianapolis.
Poetry, Mrs. Frank Tilden, Greencastle.
Music, Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, South Bend.
Artists' Council, Mrs. Thomas J. Brooks, Bedford.
International Relations, Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond.
Legislation, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Indianapolis.
Press and Publicity, Mrs. Harold G. Lawrance, Winona Lake.
Indiana Club Woman, Mrs. Nora D. Short, Salem.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport, Chairman.
Child Welfare, Mrs. Ella B. Kehrner, Anderson.
Adviser, Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville.
Child Delinquency, Mrs. Emma S. Barry, Peru.
Adviser, Mrs. Florence Reddick Boys, Plymouth.
Public Health, Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, West Lafayette.
Mental Health, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
Indiana Club Institutes, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.

"THE FEDERATION AND PROGRESS"

The Forty-first Annual Convention was held in Indianapolis, October 21, 22, 23, 1930.

At the Advisory Meeting preceding the formal opening the two subjects which brought forth the most discussion were "Universal Membership," and "A New Constitution for Indiana," Mr. Ross Lockridge giving an address on the latter subject.

At the formal opening Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Seventh District President and local hostess to the Convention, extended greetings. Responses were made by Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Honorary Presi-

dent, and Mrs. George W. Phillips, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The President's message and an address, "Two Demands on One Supply," by President Homer P. Rainey, Franklin College, preceded the reception to the State officers and Convention members.

UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP

"An inheritance and great responsibility of this administration," writes Mrs. Miller, "from the delegate body of the Fort Wayne Convention of 1929, was the acceptance of Universal Membership, or 100% club membership of a State Federation in the GFWC. In the interim, until this became effective, January 1, 1931, explanatory literature was prepared by a Special Committee and circulated. . . . At one hundred District and County Conventions this year's program and its opportunities were interpreted in the spirit of progress. The second year saw the new membership plan in effect. While a few clubs felt it necessary to withdraw, more than the average number of new clubs was gained. Our financial position was strengthened. With a broader vision, we joined the majority of States on the roster of the General Federation."

Many members of the official board of the GFWC were guests of the Indiana Federation during the Convention days. At the dinner held at the home of the Woman's Department Club, Dr. Josephine C. Pierce, Vice Chairman of the American Home Department GFWC, addressed the visitors. Mrs. John Pilcher, Regional Director of Juniors, also spoke. Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Honorary Vice President, talked on "What Is Progress?" and she was followed by the First Vice President, Mrs. Grace Morrison Pool, later President of the General Federation, who talked on "What Is It All About?"

Other noted people who addressed the assembly included Dr. Amos Butler, who spoke at the Mental Health Breakfast; Dr. James A. Woodburn; Dr. William Cullen Dennis, President of Earlham College; Dr. Frank C. S. Wicks; Prof. J. J. Haramy, and Dr. Thurman B. Rice of Indiana University. The speaker for the Federation Banquet, which closed the Convention, was Dr. Allen Diehl Albert, representing the Century of Progress, and his subject was, "A Measure of Social Progress."

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

From the minutes we give a glimpse of the amount of work accomplished during the year. The Old Fauntleroy Home had been visited by the President with the Board of Managers and the Trustees. Mr. Louis J. Bailey, State Librarian, had visited the home and placed a value of \$1,000 on the library with \$300 value on the minutes of the Minerva Club. A glass cabinet, to hold the infare dress of Constance Owen Fauntleroy, was presented by the 13th District. Mrs. O. M. Pittinger sent an affidavit that the picture of Robert Dale Owen is the property of the Federation. Miss Fauntleroy had secured pic-

tures, which now hang on the walls of the "Minerva" Parlor, of every member of the Minerva Club. Also pictures of seven noted scientists and their distinguished wives who lived in the home. The New Harmony Woman's Club planted several trees, shrubs and flowers on the grounds of the home. Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Petersburg, donated several garden implements. Miss Fauntleroy brought from England two mahogany dressing table mirrors, tapestry and brass candlesticks. Thirty-five dollars was received from the 1st District. In other words the Home is fast becoming placed in its proper condition.

RURAL COOPERATION

The Department of Rural Cooperation was added to the Indiana Federation during the administration of Mrs. Miller, in an attempt to help solve social problems and bring about a better understanding between urban and rural women. Mrs. Wellman Bruner, of Wabash, became the first chairman, and during her year's service she perfected a preliminary organization, which, with one exception, extended into each District. The keynote of unity was stressed using the maxim, "Agriculture is the basis of all Civilization," thereby the root, with commerce and industry the branches.

Miss May Hobbs, Tipton, succeeded Mrs. Bruner as Chairman. In an effort to create a closer bond of unity, a list of suggestive ideas from Federation Departments of Work was compiled and made available for program committees of rural clubs, of which there were approximately 1,000, with about 20,000 members. Reciprocity days were inaugurated and Federation projects promoted with Student Loans, Red Cross drives, children's clinics, traveling libraries, etc., featured.

Continuing, Mrs. Miller writes: "The American Home Department was reorganized to include Religious Training in the Home, Family Finance, and Use of Leisure Time in the Home. The Memory Fund for the Blind, to which the Woman's Club of South Bend gave \$5,000, was sponsored by the Executive Committee." This fund amounted to \$11,000, and is administered by the Board of Industrial Aid. The report of the Committee for Cooperation for the Blind, Mrs. Arthur W. Bacon, Mishawaka, Chairman, reported the sale of 27,681 towels and that \$8,461.73 had been received from the sale of articles made by the blind.

"The economic stress of the winter of 1930-31 required programs in family finance and practical economies," writes Mrs. Miller. "The Federation was represented at the State Child Welfare Conference. There was attendance at the Governor's Unemployment and Relief Conferences . . . President Hoover's Commission and to the Economic Adjustment Committee of the General Federation, Forestry Congress, Mental Health Conference, Better Homes in America, Hoosier Program Bureau. Art Club's Convention, Century of Progress Committees, and the George Washington Bicentenary Commission for Indiana."

Efforts were made to complete the Historian's files. Valuable gifts were received from Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, the Indianapolis Public Library, and from the belongings of Mrs. Samuel E. Perkins.

GFWC HONORARY VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Edward Franklin White was made Honorary Vice President of the General Federation at the Denver Biennial. Mrs. Hinkle represented the Indiana Federation as Director at the Biennial, Mrs. Sheehan resigning as Director to allow Mrs. Hinkle to serve in advance of the usual time. From this time on there has been but one Director serving the State.

PRIZES

Many contests were held by the General Federation as well as here in Indiana. At the Denver Biennial, Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman won one of the Art prizes, a beautiful plaque of Dedham pottery, which Mrs. Miller accepted for her.

Tenth District received a prize for bringing in 13 Student Loan Funds, and \$10 was allowed from the budgeted allowance of the Education Department to present to the 6th District for securing twelve. Five dollars was presented Mrs. Herman Jones, 6th District, for the best program carried out on American Citizenship. The prize for the best Indiana essay in the GFWC contest on "The Right Use of Leisure Time," went to Mrs. W. F. Paffenberger, Seymour.

The Art prizes were awarded as follows: First, "An Indiana Landscape," painted by Geraldine Armstrong Scott, was presented the Lafayette Art Club. Mrs. E. B. Ball, Muncie, and Mrs. Sherman, Chairman of the Art Department of the Indiana Federation, made the purchase of this picture possible. This picture was to replace the one given the Columbus Art Club, won three times in succession. Second, "The Hooked Rug Shop," by Randolph Coates (won second time), to the Kokomo Department Club. Third, a still life picture painted and donated by Mrs. J. Otis Adams, went to the Peru Art Club.

The Literature Division presented the book, "The Road Mender," to the Worthington Study Club, Mrs. Carl Sexton, for the best essay and photographs by Mrs. Herbert Sloan in the GFWC contest, "Making a Home Library." The most original musical composition prize went to Bernice Crandall Forsythe, LaGrange, and the prize for the best attendance at rehearsals for Junior musical clubs was presented the Junior Chorus of the Hammond Woman's Club.

In the "Indianapolis Star" Program, community service and press clipping contest, prizes were awarded the Edgewood Club, Lafayette; Progress Club, Sheridan; Brownstown Club, and the Columbus Culture Club. In the Club Woman contest there were four prizes, as follows: First to 13th District, Mrs. Frederick W. Noyes; second, 10th District, Mrs. S. A. Brownell; third, 2d District, Mrs. H. R. Burnam;

fourth, 6th District, Mrs. W. H. Newsom. The District gavel was presented Mrs. Azro Moss, 3d District; the County gavel to Mrs. Charles Pangburne, Clark County; the Junior gavel to Mrs. Ivan Jacobs, Sellersburg, and a second Junior gavel to Mrs. P. L. Coombs, Farmersburg. Miss Inez Gunnels, 10th District, received \$5 in gold for the best essay on "Why Federate?"

From the minutes we read that Indiana ranks sixth in the number of Junior Clubs and second in the number of books sent to the GFWC Library. The District Department Chairmen are to be added to the free list of the Club Woman Magazine. Fifty-one new clubs, with a membership of 2,552 members, have been added this year. Included in this are 22 Junior clubs with a membership of 519. The roster shows 731 clubs with 33,153 members in the Indiana Federation and 220 clubs with a membership of 13,381 in the General Federation. There were 545 voting delegates reported by the Registration Committee.

FIRST FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA

The first five cents per capita under Universal Membership was voted by the Executive Committee to the Foundation Fund of the General Federation, and Mrs. Miller writes that it was her happy privilege to carry this amount, \$800, to the Phoenix, Arizona, Council Meeting.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY PRESIDENTS

At the suggestion of Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, and upon motion a revision was presented the Convention, and carried, to change the name of District and County Chairmen to "DISTRICT AND COUNTY PRESIDENTS."

The new officers were then presented, which brought to a close the Forty-first Convention. First Vice President, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Donner; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles S. Hartley; Trustee, Mrs. James S. Boonshot.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

WEST BADEN, 1931

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2. Mrs. W. R. Nesbit, Sullivan.
3. Mrs. Lelia Robinson, Jeffersonville.
4. Mrs. Roscoe Haymond, Edinburg.
5. Miss Louise Klingler, Brazil.
6. Mrs. Paul C. Miller, Mt. Summit.
7. Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. A. M. Decker, Anderson.
9. Mrs. Bert Miller, Lebanon.
10. Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, West Lafayette.
11. Mrs. Charles Ritter, Hartford City.
12. Mrs. Willis Love, Angola.
13. Mrs. Claude S. Steele, Knox.

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Hostess, Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, New Harmony.

Adviser, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes.

Rural Cooperation, Miss May Hobbs, Tipton.

Universal Membership, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.

Indiana Club Institute, Mrs. A. R. Putnam, Valparaiso.
 Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.
 Speakers' Bureau, Dean Mary L. Matthews, West Lafayette.
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 Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Mrs. Quincey A. Myers, Perrysville.

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 Family Finance, Mrs. Glenn Knauss, LaGrange.
 Insurance, Mrs. Noah Zehr, Fort Wayne.
 Religious Training in the Home, Mrs. Jonathan Rigdon, Danville.
 Use of Leisure Within the Family Group, Mrs. Emil Hofferth, Kouts.
 Adviser, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

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 Public Instruction, Mrs. Emmet O. Hall, Auburn.
 Student Loan, Mrs. Charles S. Coons, Gary.
 Pre-School Extension, Mrs. O. F. Sale, Huntington.
 Division Adult Education, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Perrysville.
 Better Speech, Mrs. John K. Chappell, Petersburg.
 Educational Agencies—
 Motion Pictures, Mrs. Herbert H. Sloan, Worthington.
 Library Extension, Mrs. May Hurst Fowler, Macy.
 Library Adviser, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
 Division Conservation, Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Warsaw.

FINE ARTS

Mrs. Thomas B. Coulter, Vincennes, Chairman.
 Art, Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, South Bend (Chicago.)
 Adviser, Mrs. J. Otis Adams, Indianapolis.

Division Literature, Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Indianapolis.
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 International Relations, Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond.
 Legislation, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Indianapolis.
 Press and Publicity, Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville.
 Indiana Club Woman, Mrs. Nora D. Short, Salem.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport, Chairman.
 Public Health, Miss Harriet E. Shepard, Terre Haute.
 Child Welfare, Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer, Anderson.
 Delinquency, Miss Laurel Thayer, Indianapolis.
 Community Service, Mrs. George W. Jaqua, Winchester.
 Mental Hygiene, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

"LATENT POWER"

West Baden Springs Hotel made a beautiful setting for the Forty-Second Annual Convention, October 20, 21, 22, 1931.

Mrs. Miller, President, chose as her theme, "Latent Power," which was also the subject of her address the first evening. Speaking of this Convention, Mrs. Miller says: "Southern Indiana was on parade in music, drama and eloquence. Petersburg sent a Girls' Band of 60 to play in the atrium of the hotel." The unofficial registration was 650 with 405 voting delegates.

The address of welcome to West Baden was given by Mr. Perry McCart, to the Third District by Mrs. Lelia Robinson, and to Southern Indiana by Lieutenant Governor Edgar D. Bush, Salem. The response was by the Second Vice President, Mrs. Harry L. Green. The President's address, followed by that of Dr. W. P. Dearing, President of Oakland City College, "Serving at Our Best," closed the formal opening of the Convention. The reception in the atrium was most delightful.

The General Federation President, Mrs. John F. Sipple, was an honored guest and her address was "Club Women's Problems of Today." Other guests were Mrs. Mary A. Wall, President of the Illinois Federation, and Judge Fannibelle Sutherland, President of Kentucky. Other speakers on the three-day program included Dean Paul V. McNutt, Indiana University; Mr. Robert E. Heun, First Vice President of Rotary International; Miss Lillian Gay Berry; Mr. Ross Lockridge; Dr. Charles C. Wilson; Mr. John Ihlder; Dr. Allen Deihl Albert, of the Century of Progress; Mr. Boyd Gurley, of the "Indianapolis Times"; Mr. Cameron Beck.

PRIZES

Again many prizes were presented. The art prizes went to The Lafayette Art Club, first; second, Kokomo Department Club, and third to the Marion Woman's Department Club. The prize for the

Fort Wayne Woman's Club

best poem by a junior was presented Irving E. Perige, Boonville, for his contribution "Shep," which was read by Mrs. Hinkle. In the Music Division, Mrs. Wayne Hamilton, Linton, was first, and Lillie Valera Kronk for Junior composition.

Five dollars in gold was awarded by the Press and Publicity Chairman to Warrick County Federation, Mrs. J. O. Taylor, for the best club column. Second went to Mrs. C. W. Honeck, Fort Wayne, and third to Mrs. Marie Sink, of Muncie. Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks presented prizes in the Star Program Contest as follows: First, Valparaiso Woman's Club for Community Project, and second, The Tourist Club, Sheridan. The Press Clipping Contest first prize went to the Boswell Research Club, Cambridge City, and second to the Edgewood Club, Lafayette.

We read that diplomas were presented by the President, Mrs. Hinkle, to three clubs for Epsilon Sigma Omicron. There was a parliamentary drill by the Juniors. Planting of a George Washington Bicentennial Tree on the Hotel Grounds, which was dedicated by the GFWC President, Mrs. Sipple. A revision was passed to the effect that the Director take office immediately upon being elected. Twenty-nine thousand nine hundred fifty towels were sold this year and \$6,904.50 realized from the sale of articles made by the blind. Fifty-seven new clubs have been accepted into membership. The roster shows 760 clubs constituting a membership of 28,681, and in the GFWC, 482 clubs with a membership of 17,218. The District Gavel was presented Mrs. Paul C. Miller, 6th District; County Gavel to Mrs. S. D. DeHaven, Connersville, Fayette County; first Junior Gavel to 6th District Junior Chairman, Mrs. Fred Heller, and another Junior Gavel to Mrs. Azro Moss, 3rd District.

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy was again an honored guest and told the ever-interesting story of New Harmony. We read in the report given by Mrs. Boonshot, Chairman, that money had been donated by several Districts for use at the Home. New draperies had been hung, the rear entrance porch changed, roof repaired, walls and floors painted, coverings for two chairs had been given by Mrs. E. B. Ball, Muncie, and Mrs. A. C. Thomas, New Harmony. Many volumes for the library had been received, and a valuable collection of relics. The grounds were improved, and all club women and friends invited to visit the Home.

FIRST APPOINTED CLUB INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN

Up to this time, the First and Second Vice Presidents had acted as promoters of Institute work. Now we find in November, 1930, Mrs. Miller appointed Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam, Valparaiso, as the first Chairman of Club Institutes. Miss Anne Witherle, of Castine, Maine, was

the GFWC Chairman at this time. "AN INSTITUTE IN EVERY CLUB" became the slogan for the work. Each district reported the holding of Institutes, and prizes were offered to the district and county having the greatest number of Institute hours. At the request of the President, Mrs. Putnam prepared the pages "Duties of Club Presidents" for the Year Book. At the 1932 State Convention, Mrs. Putnam exhibited a large map of Indiana on which the places were marked where Institutes had been held during the year. This visualized the work in an effective way and increased the interest in Institutes.

In closing her two years as President of the Indiana Federation, Mrs. Miller says: "It is my recollection that the other officers and Department Chairmen rendered a fine service to the Federation. I wish to pay tribute to Miss Alice Goldthwaite, of Marion, Convention Program Chairman for two years; Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, parliamentarian; Mrs. T. W. Peck, Mrs. George W. Phillips, and Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Trustees, who made possible a satisfying administration; and to Mrs. Nora D. Short, editor of Club Woman Magazine. Club women sent me poetry to be used on my page in the magazine and in talks. In the last issue of this administration, the editor gave me two pages for the choice unused verses that had been my delight.

"Being President was a task that I loved very much. My training had come from serving as Club Secretary and President, District President, Chairman of American Citizenship Department, and First Vice President. I had opportunity to admire scenic Indiana, venerate historic Indiana, and to know friendly and women's Indiana. . . . Director for Indiana in the GFWC, and Chairman of the Committee of Ethical Training, Department of Education, have been honors bestowed because of the Presidency of the Indiana Federation of Clubs."

The Convention closed with the presentation of the new officers—Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute, President.



Nannie C. Canine

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Forty-Third Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1932

Forty-Fourth Annual Convention

SOUTH BEND, 1933

PRESIDENT

NANNIE C. CANINE (MRS. EDWIN NELSON), TERRE HAUTE

Nannie Cecelia Lucas, daughter of John M. and Elizabeth Conacher Lucas, was born on the ancestral farm in Clay County, five miles west of Brazil, on the Old National Road. In speaking of her childhood days, Mrs. Canine says: "My early years were most interesting because of the constant travel of pioneers moving westward to establish new homes.

"A near-by one-room red brick school house furnished educational advantages which was followed by attendance at the State Normal, in Terre Haute." Four years were spent in teaching in the schools of Clay and Vigo Counties.

On November of 1894, Miss Lucas was married to Edwin Nelson Canine, of Waveland. There are two children, Ralph Julian and Margaret Elizabeth, and two grandsons, Ralph, Jr., and Edwin.

Mrs. Canine says: "As the wife of a school man, there have been many happy contacts in different places in Indiana, and also many opportunities for service. The 21 years spent in East Chicago are outstanding because of the rapid development of that Calumet Region. During those years church and public welfare groups claimed much of my time."

Mrs. Canine served on the Lake County Board of Children's Guardians for six years. She took an active interest in the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron in 1916. Later she served as Grand Esther and Grand Ruth, in the Grand Chapter of Indiana. Besides local church work in the Congregational Church, she assisted with the Missionary work of the larger groups of the church, serving eight years as State President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary work.

"I joined a regular woman's study club at Gas City, in 1902, and have been active in local, county, district, state and General Federation work since then," remarks Mrs. Canine. "Perhaps my club work has been my favorite hobby, although I love to read and I love to write letters. In the State Federation I have served as Program Chairman, Chairman of Education, Treasurer, First Vice President, President, and Director.

"Besides these various duties, travel has been another source of pure joy. Our three months trip to Europe in 1923 gave us many thrills, for we visited ten different countries.

"In recent years we divide our time between our home in Terre Haute, and our farm home near Waveland, which has been the home of many generations of Canines."

In conclusion, Mrs. Canine says: "I have enjoyed my associations with young people all my life, and am proud to have been a Patroness of the Delta Sigma Sorority of college girls during the past twelve years."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.

First Vice President, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City.

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 Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Petersburg, Secretary.
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3. Mrs. Lelia Robinson, Jeffersonville.
4. Mrs. Roscoe Haymond, Edinburg.
5. Mrs. A. O. Benson, Bridgeton.
6. Mrs. Fred Bell, Rushville.
7. Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. A. M. Decker, Anderson.
9. Miss Helen Waters, Russiaville.
10. Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, West Lafayette.
11. Mrs. Charles Ritter, Hartford City.
12. Mrs. Willis Love, Angola.
13. Mrs. Claude S. Steele, Knox.

Committees

Program, Mrs. George A. Van Dyke, Indianapolis.
 Resolutions, Mrs. Sara Messing Stern, Terre Haute.
 Credentials, Mrs. Horace F. Campbell, Frankfort.
 Elections, Miss Louise Klingler, Brazil.
 Revisions, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
 Transportation, Mrs. Thomas J. Brooks, Bedford.

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GFWC, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru.
 IFC, Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Martinsville.
 Junior Membership, Mrs. Azro Moss, Orleans.
 Cooperation for Blind, Mrs. Arthur W. Bacon, Mishawaka.
 Old Fauntleroy Home—

Board of Managers, Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Petersburg.
 Hostess, Miss M. E. Fauntleroy, New Harmony.
 Rural Cooperation, Miss May Hobbs, Tipton.
 Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.
 Indiana Club Institute, Mrs. A. R. Putnam, Valparaiso.

Federation Pin, Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis.
 Speakers' Bureau, Mrs. Harry L. Green, Muncie.
 Historian, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo.
 Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Mrs. Quincey A. Myers, Perrysville.
 Indiana George Washington Bi-centennial Commission, Mrs. Edwin
 F. Miller, Peru.

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 Mothercraft, Mrs. D. E. Finkenbiner, Greenwood.
 Religious Training in the Home, Mrs. Jonathan Rigdon, Dan-
 ville.
 Use of Leisure Within the Family Group, Mrs. Emil Hofferth,
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 Better Speech, Mrs. John K. Chappell, Petersburg.
 Educational Agencies—
 Motion Pictures, Mrs. Herbert H. Sloan, Worthington.
 Library Extension, Miss Evelyn M. Craig, Vevay.
 Library Adviser, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
 Conservation, Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Warsaw.

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 Art, Mrs. Harry Lee Beshore, Marion.
 Adviser, Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis.

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Poetry, Mrs. Hazel McGee Bowman, Odon.
Drama, Mrs. W. A. Davis, Vincennes.
Music, Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, South Bend.
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Legislation, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Indianapolis.
Press and Publicity, Mrs. Earl Shagley, Terre Haute.
Indiana Club Woman, Mrs. Nora D. Short, Salem.

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Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Indianapolis, Chairman.
Public Health, Mrs. Jessica Newby, Sheridan.
Child Welfare, Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer, Anderson.
Delinquency, Mrs. Florence Reddick Boys, Plymouth.
Community Service and Economic Relations, Mrs. Frank Kimmel, Lafayette.
Mental Hygiene, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

"A FIELD FOR SERVICE"

The Forty-Third Annual Convention convened in Indianapolis, November 1, 2 and 3, 1932.

"The work of the Federation," writes Mrs. Canine, "went steadily forward during these two years, though we were in the midst of our nation's greatest financial depression, and the leaders in districts and counties had to work very hard to hold their members, and to push forward the educational programs. Yet it seemed that the club women accepted the challenge of the times, as they increased their efforts in meeting the extra needs of their communities, while they carried on the regular club programs, bringing credit to themselves, and to the great organization of which they are a part. We reported 390 active clubs in 1932, and 455 in 1933. Our slogan for the two years was 'The Test of the Federation Is Its Usefulness,' and we tried in every way to be faithful to our trust."

The Advisory Board meeting was particularly interesting. Institutes on many phases of federation work were held. An honored guest, Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, President of the GFWC, spoke briefly of the million signatures desired by the Postal Telegraph Company for which the Federation would receive \$100,000. At the Council meeting following, Miss Emma Bushner spoke on "Have We Opportunity for Increased Service Through Legislation?" and Mrs. Poole on "Machinery of the Federation," which closed with a conference of all club Presidents, at which Mrs. Poole presided.

The formal opening was the GFWC Dinner in honor of Mrs. Poole. Greetings were extended by the 7th District President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, and responded to by Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, First Vice Presi-

dent. The President's address was followed by that of Mrs. Poole's, "Come Let Us Reason Together," after which the usual reception was held.

Continuing, Mrs. Canine writes: "The fine reports listed in the Year Book, of 1932 and 1933 show the vast amount of work accomplished. Old projects were continued, and some were completed. New ones were begun and carried on. We are particularly proud of the growth in Student Loans, of the encouragement to our Indiana artists through the Hoosier Salon and the Hoosier Program Bureau, of the selection of a Poet Laureate, and of the sale of goods made by the blind. Also for the number of Junior clubs added to our list, for the thousands of trees planted, for the progress made in the Penny Art Fund, for the encouragement given to the 'Better Homes in America' movement through the printed page, addresses, and exhibits, and the growth in the movement for better citizenship. And we shall not forget our pride when it was announced that Mrs. George W. Jaqua had won the prize, a trip abroad, offered in the Essay Contest by the International Relations Department of the GFWC. The essay was evolved from the year's study book, 'Building the World Society,' which had been stressed in our own state work. Then there was the intensive work by our Legislative Committee during the session of our State Assembly, when a few of the best things were selected and striven for successfully. And in the Public Welfare Department, the 'Child Friendship Plan' was originated by Mrs. Florence Reddick Boys."

CHILD FRIENDSHIP PLAN

The Child Friendship program, made in Indiana, was set in motion in 1931, during Mrs. Canine's administration. Mrs. Boys, of Plymouth, long interested in welfare work, was the promoter of the project. She enlisted the sympathetic interest of Mrs. Canine, following the IFC Convention at West Baden, who willingly espoused the cause with the proviso that Mrs. Boys would head the division of delinquency, which she consented to do. Mr. Cole, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was sympathetic with the movement and preliminary plans were worked out in his office by Mrs. Canine and Mrs. Boys. Mr. Cole agreed that the schools of the state should be encouraged to assist in the selection of children to be befriended.

Mrs. Boys served as state probation officer from 1926 to 1932, and in discussing cases with local probation officers in the various counties, came to a realization that most court children were victims of broken or deprived homes and bad influences—in other words, "underprivileged." They needed to have their lives enriched, opportunities, encouragement, cheer, recreation, friendships; otherwise undesirable environment and influences would result in that pitiful product of a chain of circumstances known as court children; and later, jailbirds, and likely a criminal career.

With the thought that measures should be taken to stem this tide prisonward, Mrs. Boys gave a series of talks at 67 state conventions of various organizations. Attending one child welfare meeting in Indianapolis, she heard Mrs. Ella Bagot Kehrer, Chairman of the Division of Child Welfare, IFC, say: "If only we could tie each unfortunate child up with some wise adult who would be a friend to him, our problem would be solved." Present at a national Crime Conference, she heard Col. Thayer, Chaplain of Sing Sing, remark: "Why do we worry so much about the poor fellow within the walls of our prisons? Out there, playing about the door of that deprived home, is a little fellow who will be with us tomorrow. Why don't we give more concern to him?"

With these two thoughts fresh in her mind, Mrs. Boys attended the IFC Convention at West Baden, and at its close contacted Mrs. Canine, with the result that the Child Friendship program was launched.

FIRST POET LAUREATE

One of the resolutions presented to the convention was that pertaining to a Poet Laureate, which suggestion had come from GFWC. We read: "That such an office be created in the Indiana Federation, each term to cover a period of two years, and that the name of Ethel Arnold Tilden, a poet of distinction and a former Chairman of Poetry, be presented as eminently fitted to hold such an office, that of Poet Laureate of the Indiana Federation of Clubs." (See Poets Laureate.)

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BI-CENTENNIAL

"The Indiana Federation," remarks Mrs. Canine, "participated in the Bi-Centenary of George Washington universally, in 1932. Every club in the state was enriched by the plans made and carried out by the General Committee in Washington, D. C., and sent out so generously to every state. There were study programs, historical plans, addresses, pageants, and tree plantings. Your State President and Director, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, attended many of these festive programs, and participated in some. This important celebration added much joy to our Indiana club work in 1932, and more than 40,000 trees were reported planted." From the minutes of the Convention we read that the largest number of programs pertaining to the Bi-Centenary was held in the 13th District with 197, and the largest number of trees reported planted was in the 10th District with 1,469.

THE OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

In speaking of the Home, Mrs. Canine writes: "Many trips were made by your President to New Harmony during this administration, and some very happy hours spent with Miss Fauntleroy, under the hospitable roof of our dear Old Fauntleroy Home. . . . The 1st District held its annual spring Convention in New Harmony, March 29, 1932,

with lovely weather, large attendance and delightful programs. There were many special guests who were present to enjoy a little visit in the Old Fauntleroy Home, and to honor its gracious hostess. Plans were begun for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Minerva Society, to be held in New Harmony, in the Fall of 1934."

Mrs. Boonshot's report on the Home showed that necessary repairs had been made to the house and grounds, and a new furnace installed. Fifty dollars had been received from the 1st District to help defray these expenses. Seventh District, in honor of its President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, presented the home with a rug for the front hall. From special gifts of money received from several Districts, another small rug of the same pattern was purchased for the back hall. Both these rugs were purchased by Mrs. Balz, who later drove to New Harmony to superintend their laying. New curtains and draperies were hung in the dining room by the Terre Haute Federated Club.

"We were fortunate indeed in having for our Convention program chairman for the two years," writes Mrs. Canine, "our old-time friend, Mrs. George A. Van Dyke, who had had much experience in Conventions. . . . Some of the special music was given by The Mary Busch Ensemble, of Indianapolis; The Hoosier Ensemble, of Terre Haute; the Delaware County Federation Chorus, and Miss Frances Sellers, whistling soloist."

Speakers on the three-day Convention included: Miss Mary Sue Wigley; Mrs. W. S. Pritchard; Dr. David M. Edwards; Mrs. Ben Hooper, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, former Chairman of International Relations of the GFWC; Mr. M. E. Foley; Mr. Hugh McK. Landon, President of the Indiana Commission; Dr. C. B. Coleman, Director of the Indiana Historical Bureau. Mrs. George W. Jaqua, winner of the Essay Contest in the GFWC, spoke informally on "My Reaction on Winning a National Prize," and also "Building the World Society." Dr. Frank F. Hutchins; Mr. L. M. Millikan; Mr. Rodney Brandon; Mr. S. A. Sullivan; Dr. O. M. Pittinger; Mr. Harold Stark; Earl E. Harper, President Evansville College.

Greetings were extended by our Honorary President, Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, and writes Mrs. Canine: "One of the happy surprises at this Convention was a visit from the Vice President of the United States, Mr. Charles A. Curtis, who happened to be in the hotel on November 1st, and upon invitation came to our assembly room and extended greetings."

The contests were many and varied. The prize in the Essay Contest of the American Home Department, was won by Mrs. Carl Tuttle, Pleasant Lake, 12th District. Sixth District won prizes for the greatest number of Institutes, subscriptions to the Club Woman, and sales of Federation pins. Mrs. Herman Jones won \$5 for Citizenship Training

program. The Law Observance Poster prizes went to Miss Marjorie Pierce, New Castle, and Miss Pauline Pritt, Worthington.

The Fine Arts Department first prize was awarded The Lafayette Art Club, and second prize to Marion Woman's Department Club. The Poetry prize to Mrs. J. T. Hurley, Gary. Mrs. Wayne Hamilton, Linton, was awarded the composition prize in music for her entry, "The Spirit of Mother." In the Penny Art Fund contest, a project of the GFWC for securing money to buy pictures for state contests, Mrs. Harry Beshore, Marion, won the \$5 prize, offered by the state for the most outstanding work for Penny Art.

In the Star Program Building contest, the Worthington Study Club, Mrs. Haney Ganz, press reporter, was presented first prize, and second went to the Helen Hunt Club, Cambridge City, Mrs. George Calloway.

ELDEST MOTHER SURVEY

Mrs. Edwin I. Poston was appointed to conduct a survey of Indiana, to find the eldest Mother, in accordance with a survey proposed by GFWC. Mrs. Poston reported that an Apache Indian woman, of Oklahoma, Mrs. Wah-Thle-Tle, 109 years old, was the oldest in the United States, and a medal of honor was awarded her, at Seattle, by Mrs. Eugene B. Lawson, Second Vice President of GFWC.

Indiana's oldest reported Mother is Mrs. Nancy A. Reed, Frankfort, born August 9, 1830, 102 years old. The eldest club woman Mother reported is Mrs. Electa Wagoner, Knightstown, age 97 years.

SECOND FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA

Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Director GFWC, spoke of carrying the second five cents capita, \$800, to the Seattle meeting to be applied on the Foundation Fund. Indiana's paid quota to date is \$1,600.50. In the minutes, we read that next year's special fund is to be at the disposal of the Old Fauntleroy Home.

SELECTION OF STATE BIRD

The Cardinal was selected as the State Bird by the club women, and a petition sent to the Governor requesting consideration.

Twenty-two thousand nine hundred fifty towels have been sold, made by the blind, and \$6,904.50 turned in from the sale of all articles made by them. Sixty new clubs have been added this year, with 6th District leading in the number of both senior and junior clubs, 11 and 9 respectively. There was a voting body of 543.

The motion to make Indianapolis the Convention City of the Indiana Federation, was, after lengthy discussion, declared lost. Sixteen resolutions were adopted which covered the study of Social Hygiene problems, opposition to the showing of drinking and over-sexed pictures, approval of the fine constructive school programs being planned by our best educators. They asked the club women to be loyal

to their libraries, and urged the clubs to assist in the Christmas Seal sales. They pledged to protect the tenement law, the fair and equitable tax law, and the Child Labor Law. Particular emphasis was made against disloyal (un-American) speakers on club programs.

BUSINESS

Mrs. Roscoe Haymond was elected to fill the unexpired term of Treasurer Mrs. Charles S. Hartley, resigned. Mrs. Glenn Knauss, La-Grange, tendered her resignation as Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. George W. Jaqua, Winchester, was elected to fill the term. A new policy of the Trustees is that all checks issued by the Treasurer must be countersigned by the Chairman of Trustees, and the Trustee living nearest Indianapolis will be named to accompany the Treasurer to the safety box belonging to the Federation. The roster showed 712 clubs, with a membership of 25,131, belonging to the Indiana Federation, and 462 clubs, with a membership of 15,925, in the GFWC.

THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH CLAYPOOL EARL

The Memorial Hour included two faithful workers in the State—Mrs. Charles S. Hartley, late Treasurer, and Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, President in 1903 of the Indiana Union of Liberty Clubs.

The following new officers were then presented: First Vice President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Putnam, Valparaiso; Treasurer, Miss May Hobbs, Tipton; Trustee, Mrs. Claude S. Steele, Knox.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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SOUTH BEND, 1933

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Ethel Arnold Tilden, Greencastle.

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1. Miss Fern Wood, Evansville.
2. Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Washington.
3. Mrs. Fred L. Densford, Scottsburg.
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5. Mrs. A. O. Benson, Bridgeton.
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11. Mrs. Harry Lee Beshore, Marion.
12. Mrs. Willis W. Love, Angola.
13. Mrs. William I. Ellison, Winona Lake.

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IFC, Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Martinsville.

Cooperation for Blind, Mrs. Willard Petro, Cambridge City.

Old Fauntleroy Home—

Board of Managers, Mrs. Claude S. Steele, Knox, Chairman.

Hostess, Miss M. E. Fauntleroy, New Harmony.

Rural Cooperation, Mrs. Herman Jones, New Castle.

Motion Pictures, Mrs. Herbert H. Sloan, Worthington.

Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.

Club Institutes, Mrs. A. M. Decker, Anderson.

Federation Pin, Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis.

Speakers' Bureau, Mrs. Roscoe Haymond, Edinburg.

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Better Speech, Mrs. John K. Chappell, Petersburg.

Library Service, Miss Evelyn M. Craig, Vevay.

Radio Education, Mrs. Fay C. Gaylor, West Lafayette.

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Drama, Mrs. W. A. Davis, Vincennes.

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Indiana Club Woman, Mrs. Nettie A. Downey, South Bend.

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Public Health, Mrs. Bruce Lane, Bainbridge.

Child Welfare, Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer, Anderson.

Correction, Mrs. Florence Reddick Boys, Plymouth.

Community Service, Industry and Economic Relations, Mrs. Frank Kimmel, Lafayette.

Mental Hygiene, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

"THE FEDERATION AND THE NEW CITIZENSHIP"

The Forty-Fourth Annual Convention convened in the Oliver Hotel, South Bend, October 24, 25, 26, 1933.

In speaking of the Convention, Mrs. Canine writes: "Mrs. William I. Ellison, President of the 13th District, was Chairman of the local committee, and nothing had been left undone to make the Convention a perfect one. There was a beautiful reception, a pageant, and two delightful teas given by the Progress Club and the Mishawaka Woman's Club in their own lovely club rooms. All evening sessions were banquet meetings.

"There were four of the GFWC leaders with us to inspire us with their addresses: Dr. Josephine L. Peirce, Second Vice President; Mrs. Laura Waples McMullen, Chairman International Relations; Mrs. Earl B. Padgett, Chairman of Institutes, and Mrs. Richard McClure, Chairman Motion Pictures.

"Some of the special music was given by the Edgewood Club Chorus of Lafayette, the Mishawaka String Quartette, the Progress Club Quartette, and the Thirteenth District Chorus."

At the Advisory Board meeting Mrs. Padgett spoke on "Valuations." The Institutes held during this period were along the same lines of problems pertaining to club work.

The General Federation Dinner honored Dr. Josephine L. Peirce, Lima, Ohio, and other GFWC officers present. Mrs. William I. Ellison gave the greeting which was responded to by Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Second Vice President of IFC. Mrs. Canine in her message spoke of the past year's work and the aspirations for the future. This was followed by the address of Dr. Peirce, "The Tomorrow of Citizenship."

During the sessions many speakers of note were presented. Mrs. Laura W. McMullen, author of "Building the World Society," spoke on "World Events of the Hour," and again on "Around the World." Mrs. Richard McClure spoke along the line of her particular work in GFWC, "Young Women and Motion Pictures," and "The Modern Pied Piper." During the Federation Hour Dr. Peirce spoke on "The General Federation and You."

Other speakers were—Mrs. C. B. King, who spoke on "Practical Application of the Hoosier Salon Idea as Exemplified by South Bend;"

Rev. Robert Hall, Chaplain Indiana State Prison, Michigan City; Prof. Raymond Schutz, North Manchester; Mrs. Clara M. Beyer, Children's Bureau, Washington, D. C.; Mr. S. A. Postle, of the Department of Agriculture. At the Education Dinner, "The Old School and the New Realism" was the address of Dr. Edward C. Elliott, President of Purdue University. The Federation Banquet speaker was Dr. Albert W. Palmer, President Chicago Theological Seminary.

REVISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Among the Revisions passed we read: "That the District and County Presidents must come from ACTIVE (Universal) Clubs." Among the twelve resolutions adopted we take the following: The five cents per capita was voted to the Club Woman Magazine. Others asked the clubs to support their schools as to length of terms and quality of courses offered; pledged support for the general plan of the N. R. A., the Pure Food and Drug Act, and urged the women to safeguard the best interests of children in all walks of life.

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

"The large exposition held in Chicago during the summer of 1933 added much interest to our Indiana club work," writes Mrs. Canine. "Your President made five trips to Chicago for the Exposition. Some of the outstanding days for our Indiana club women were: Indiana Day, July 13 (Mrs. William Guthrie, in charge), the Luncheon Day for Mrs. Poole during the International Council of Women, and our Hostess Week, October 1-7, when our Indiana club women acted as hostesses at the Indiana Building. On Wednesday of that week the State Officers served on the Reception Committee. Luncheon was enjoyed in the famous Trustees' Room of the Main Administration Building. In this room President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had been entertained at luncheon only a few days before. The plans for our luncheon were made by Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, President Lake County, who had taken charge of the local arrangements for the week. . . . Mr. Wallace Richards, Indianapolis, Chairman of the Indiana Exhibits told us the story of the Indiana Murals. Mrs. C. B. King gave us definite information concerning Indiana's entire contribution to the Exposition. Later a boat ride was enjoyed so that we might see the Exposition from the shore lines.

"Mrs. Mary Stuart, Monon, Chairman of a Registration Committee, kept a record of attendance during our Hostess Week. Later these registration sheets and a scrapbook of clippings and other information was prepared by Mrs. Stuart and your President, and filed with our State Historian, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo.

Mrs. D. J. Prohaska, Whiting, was a member of a committee to select the 20 pictures by Indiana artists which would make up the first exhibit at the Indiana Building.

GFWC GIFTS FROM INDIANA

Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, GFWC Director, reported the gift of an "Indiana" flag from Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, to Mrs. Poole, GFWC President, to be placed in Headquarters in Washington. Also the story of New Harmony as told in the book, "The Town of the Fearless," by Caroline Dale Snedeker. She spoke of the collection of choice books placed in Headquarters by the New York women, honoring the memory of Miss Mary Garrett Hay, who was born in Indiana.

ETHICAL TRAINING

During the administration of Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, President GFWC, as she participated in President Hoover's great Child Welfare and Crime Prevention Conferences, sentiment crystalized in the General Federation of Women's Clubs program, by creating a committee of Ethical Training to be placed in the Department of Education.

It advocates Ethical Training or Character Education, taught directly and indirectly, in the program of Public Instruction of every State. This places emphasis on the individual child that he may stand firm under the pressure of life as it is today.

The honor of promoting this committee was given by Mrs. Poole, in 1933, to Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru, Director from Indiana.

OUR GFWC TRUSTEE

Indiana was honored at the Seattle Convention in the election of Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter as Trustee. Mrs. McWhirter shares in the work of raising the Foundation Fund (now four years old), and has jurisdiction over the North Middle Western States, known as Zone 4. As Adviser of the Indiana Federation Fund Committee, Mrs. McWhirter recommended that one member be secured from each District. The Penny Bank and Honor Roll plans were adopted for the raising of Indiana's quota. The plan is now to be continued to 1940.

EPSILON SIGMA OMICRON

In speaking of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Mrs. Canine says: "Other states became interested in the new organization and many inquiries came to me as well as the E. S. O. President. The plans were adopted in Washington, Minnesota, and Maryland. An organization was perfected within the GFWC, and regular business meetings were held at Seattle and Richmond."

Projects of special interest were: "The Wise Spending Study Program," promoted by GFWC, returned more than two thousand quiz sheets. "The Friendly Five" plan, which grew out of the State Department, was encouraged by Mrs. Canine, who writes: "Mrs. Leslie, wife of our State Governor, sponsored the plan and invited all the State

Presidents of Women's Organizations to have luncheon with her at the Governor's Mansion, to confer about the program." This grew out of the White House Conference, held in Washington.

MEMBERSHIP

In the membership quest sponsored by GFWC, Indiana suffered a 1.18% loss, our membership now being 15,389. In the Indiana Federation, we have 64 new clubs. Of these, 23 are new Junior clubs, representing 1,000 members. The roster shows 681 clubs with a membership of 22,111. The 6th District leads with 16 new clubs, and the 10th District is second with 10.

Mrs. Fred Bell, Rushville, was presented a prize of \$5 for the sixteen new clubs in her District. The County prize went to Mrs. Oscar Ahlgren, Lake County. The \$5 prize for the most Universal clubs, donated by Mrs. George W. Jaqua, was divided between the 8th and 5th Districts. The Gavels from the Old Fauntleroy Home also went to the 6th District and Lake County.

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

Mrs. Claude Steele reported on the Old Fauntleroy Home. A flag was presented by the Literary Club of New Harmony. Cash gifts were received from several Districts. Mrs. Canine donated \$10 to cover the cost of printing a folder giving a brief history of the Home. Mrs. Wolbrecht was secured to assist Miss Fauntleroy in the care of the Home. Fifteen dollars was received toward expenses in celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Minerva Club, in September, 1934. The largest cash gift was received from the 2nd District, \$33.50, to be used for cleaning purposes. Many pieces of linen, hooked rugs, silk quilt, and a pair of candlesticks made from wood of the Constitution Elm, at Corydon, were received.

CONTESTS

Many contests were held which reveal the scope of the work of the Federation. The Worthington Study Club won \$5 for the most practical and helpful program for American Home. The pictures given by the Art Department went to The Peru Art Club, and the Woman's Department Club of Marion. One hundred eight poems were entered in the Poetry contest, and Mrs. Edith Lombard Squires, Richmond, won the \$10 donated by Mrs. Edwin I. Poston. The first prize for the original music composition contest was awarded Mrs. Adele Bohling Lee, Gary, for her song "Pierrot." The Art Department received \$5 from the GFWC Penny Art Fund Chairman, in recognition of art work done. Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Adviser of the Department, received the honor of being the only woman member on the World's Fair Commission at Chicago. The slogan of the Penny Art Fund Committee was "Indiana Pennies for Indiana Art," and \$75 was re-

ported turned in. Eighteen dollars forty cents was received for the Nationally Coordinated Employment Program for Musicians' Guild of American Festivals in the war against suffering musicians, fourteen dollars twenty-five cents from the 6th District, and four dollars fifteen cents from the 13th District.

Mrs. Frederick W. Noyes, 13th District, reported the greatest number of subscriptions to the Club Woman Magazine. Due to a falling off of subscriptions and advertising, \$250 was borrowed from the Club Woman Fund to finance the magazine. Indiana won gold star honors for its work in Motion Pictures. The best Short Story on Law Enforcement Observance was written by Mrs. Elmer Poer, Spice-land, 6th District. Indiana's contribution to the Woman's National Exposition was a shawl pageant.

Prizes amounted to \$275 were donated by the Life Underwriters Association of Indiana. Four hundred attended the American Home luncheon to hear the winners announced in the essay contest: "Life Insurance as a Stabilizer in the Home and Nation." The first prize of \$50 went to Mrs. W. C. Mathews, Kentland, and her club's prize, the Kentland Woman's Club, was \$25. The second prize of \$25 went to Mrs. Grace Green, Muncie, and \$10 to her club, The Riverside Culture. The \$25 first prize to a Junior went to Marjorie Pierce, New Castle, of the Liberty Belle's 4-H Club. All Districts, except the 7th, were represented with entries, and \$10 was awarded Miss Fern Wood, 1st District, for the greatest number. In the International Canning Contest, 200 Indiana women won \$1 each, with Rush County in the lead with the most entries. Mary Sue Wigley addressed more than 40 clubs in the interest of home making.

SECOND INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. A. M. Decker, Anderson, was Indiana Federation's second Chairman of Institutes. Her first venture was to prepare and distribute an outline for a "Legislative Institute." This proved most popular since the law-making bodies then were in session and each District held Legislative Institutes. Mrs. J. W. Moore, Indianapolis, was State Chairman of Legislation. Prizes were again given for the greatest number of Institute hours. In all 6,360 hours were reported.

Mrs. Earl B. Padgett, Galion, Ohio, GFWC Chairman of Institutes, was a guest at the 1933 State Convention in South Bend. Again at the GFWC Council meeting, Indiana's Institute program received special mention and Indiana had the honor of leading in this field of work.

Mrs. Canine reported: "Having been appointed by Mrs. Sipple (GFWC President) as a delegate to represent the GFWC at the Seventh Annual Conference on Cause and Cure of War, I stayed on in Washington in January, of 1932, to attend the session held in the Washington Hotel, the week following our Board meeting. Mrs. Carrie

Chapman Catt is the Honorary President, and has promoted the conference from its beginning. . . . In 1933 I was again appointed a delegate and was most happy to remain over for the Eighth Annual Conference."

Mrs. Herman Jones, New Castle, who followed Miss Hobbs as Chairman of Rural Cooperation Committee, reported that for the first time there was a Chairman in every District, and thirty point letters of possibilities were mailed to each. There was increased cooperation with kindred organizations in the interest of community work, clean-up days, student loans, libraries, churches, highway beautification, etc. New clubs were brought into the Federation; seed, bulb, and plant exchanges were featured and much relief work was done. Music, book, drama, and poetry weeks were observed, and also Child Health Day, Originality Day, etc. Essays, posters, and debates were used to portray rural life. Cooperation with Purdue University, at Elkhart, in holding a Short Course resulted in an attendance of more than 3,000.

DEATH OF MISS MERICA HOAGLAND

A Memorial Hour for members who had passed on during the club year and particularly for Miss Merica Hoagland, Past President of the Indiana Union, and Miss Alice Goldthwaite, who had served as Program Chairman for two Annual Conventions.

"During our State Assembly," continues Mrs. Canine, "in 1933, our Executive Board, which was meeting at the Claypool Hotel, was invited to call upon Governor McNutt in his rooms at the State House. After our reception there, we visited the Assembly Room, and were introduced by the Speaker of the House. The President responded with greetings from the Indiana Federation.

"Besides the routine duties of the office, which consists primarily of writing thousands of letters and cards, and in attending hundreds of meetings, there are two special tasks for the President that cannot be neglected. The material for the President's Page in each issue of the Club Woman must be prepared, for she serves as co-editor on the magazine. And then the Annual Year Book must be compiled and edited as soon as possible following the Annual Convention.

"I feel this short history of my administration would not be complete without a list of the splendid District Presidents (see list of officers) who were faithful and capable, carrying their heavy responsibilities so courageously through the two hard years of work. They were devoted to me and my plans and I am indebted to them for many favors.

"It is hard to enumerate all the many activities of these two busy and happy years. Perhaps I have omitted some of the most important in the hasty writing of these pages. . . . But it has been a joy to recall the precious memories of days spent in federation work, and when I

was so often a guest in your homes. The contacts with our own women and those of many states were helpful, giving encouragement and hope for the future. We were especially proud of the close association with the Past Presidents. Many of them were present for the closing banquets of the Annual Conventions when Past Presidents are honored and bring greetings. (Those present at this Convention were the Mesdames Stewart, Moore, Rumpler, Sheehan, Miller, Smith, Hinkle and Miss Vida Newsom.)

"It was a privilege and joy to me to serve as the President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, and later as your General Federation Director. My heart goes out to you in loving appreciation."

With the presentation of the following new officers, the Convention came to a close: President, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City; Second Vice President, Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, Fort Wayne; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Decker; Trustee, Miss Evelyn M. Craig, Vevay; GFWC Director, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine.



Nora H. Hicks

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

Forty-Fifth Annual Convention

INDIANAPOLIS, 1934

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PRESIDENT

NORA H. HICKS (MRS. ROBERT A.), CAMBRIDGE CITY

Reminiscently, Mrs. Hicks writes: "Early in the Seventeenth Century, my Quaker ancestors came to America, and settled on Nantucket Island, and in eastern Massachusetts. Among them were the families of Gardner, Macy, Stanton, and Gifford. My Revolutionary grand-

parents were married in Quaker meeting at Dartmouth, Mass., in 1773.

Within a stone's throw of where I now sit, five generations of my family have resided. Across the street, in a two-story brick house, lived my great-grandfather, and my grandfather with their families. My father was born there, and I first saw daylight in the house which adjoins ours on the east. (My parents recently celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary.) This is one mile west of Cambridge City on Road No. 40. Here I have spent my entire life with the exception of two years that I lived in Hagerstown. Truly I am on my native heath.

Living in a small town is something for which one may be grateful. In the wide open spaces the vital things of life are nearer. With frequent visits to Cincinnati and Indianapolis, and occasional visits to places farther removed, coupled with the various civic, social, and religious activities which make up life in a small town, we manage to have a reasonably diversified existence. Aside from these activities and my club interests, I enjoy reading the new books and current magazines in an effort to keep posted.

As a child the outstanding event of the year was our journey to Indianapolis to attend the Indiana State Fair. This came in September and necessitated a week's absence from school. We visited in the home of my father's first cousin, Sylvester Johnson, who was known as 'The Father of Irvington.' Across the street was the George W. Julian home where my mother's very dear friend, Grace Julian, lived. Later we knew her as Grace Julian Clarke. Those visits will be happy memories always.

After graduation from the local high school, I attended Earlham College and Indiana Central College. My marriage to Mr. Robert A. Hicks in 1897 terminated my teaching career. We have two daughters. Helen is a teacher in Morton High School at Richmond, and Eva Lou is married and lives in Washington, D. C.

The problems of the day seem innumerable and staggering, but we cannot stand still, if we would progress. The future will record our past as we make the present worth living. I close with my favorite lines from Van Dyke:

"Let me do my work from day to day,
Let me but find it in my heart to say
'This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
Of all who live, I am the one by whom
This work can best be done, in the right way.'
Then shall I see it not too great, nor small
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours,
And cheerfully turn, when the long shadows fall
At eventide, to play and love, and rest,
Because I know for me this life is best."

OFFICERS

President, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City.
First Vice President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis.
Second Vice President, Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, Fort Wayne.
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam, Valparaiso.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Decker, Anderson.
Treasurer, Miss May Hobbs, Tipton.

Trustees

Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, Logansport, Chairman.
Mrs. Claude S. Steele, Knox, Secretary.
Miss Evelyn M. Craig, Vevay.

Parliamentarian, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
GFWC Director, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.

Honorary President

Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, West Lafayette.

Poet Laureate

Ethel Arnold Tilden, Greencastle.

District Presidents

1. Mrs. Ernest M. Bryant, Patoka.
2. Mrs. Aline B. Oliphant, Bruceville.
3. Mrs. George R. Dillinger, French Lick.
4. Mrs. Charles S. Royce, Versailles.
5. Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Perrysville.
6. Mrs. Fred H. Brookbank, Liberty.
7. Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Indianapolis.
8. Mrs. Paul Powers, Gaston.
9. Mrs. Harold Baker, Camden.
10. Mrs. Albert S. Phillips, Hobart.
11. Mrs. Harry Lee Beshore, Marion.
12. Mrs. Harry Hensel, South Whitley.
13. Mrs. William I. Ellison, Winona Lake.

Convention Committees

Program, Miss Elizabeth Paul, Cambridge City.
Local Arrangements, Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Indianapolis.
Resolutions, Mrs. Ernest M. Morris, South Bend.
Credentials, Mrs. Horace F. Campbell, Frankfort.
Elections, Miss Alice Yeakel, Gary.
Revisions, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
Transportation, Mrs. Thomas J. Brooks, Bedford.

*Special Committees***Club Extension:**

GFWC, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.

IFC, Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, Fort Wayne.

Cooperation for Blind, Mrs. Willard Petro, Cambridge City.

Old Fauntleroy Home:

Chairman Board, Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Petersburg.

Hostess, Miss Mary E. Fauntleroy, New Harmony.

Rural Cooperation, Mrs. Herman Jones, New Castle.

Motion Pictures, Miss Beatrice Swallow, Cambridge City.

Reciprocity, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Bloomington.

Indiana Club Institute, Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Martinsville.

Federation Pin, Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis.

Historian, Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo.

Foundation Funds, Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.

Adviser, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Alpha Chapter, Mrs. R. J. Barbour, Seymour.

*Departments***AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP**

Mrs. Willis W. Love, Angola, Chairman.

Law Observance and Safety, Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Washington.

Americanization and Citizenship Training, Mrs. A. O. Benson, Bridgeton.

AMERICAN HOME

Mrs. Paul C. Miller, Mount Summit, Chairman.

Adviser, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

Home Extension, Miss Lella Gaddis, Lafayette.

Home Economics, Mrs. Erma Christy, Muncie.

Home Making:

Family Finance, Mrs. Paul T. Hurt, Indianapolis.

Insurance, Mrs. Noah Zehr, Fort Wayne.

Mothercraft, Mrs. Hugh Banta, Rockville.

Religious Training in the Home, Miss Fern Wood, Evansville.

Use of Leisure Within the Family Group, Mrs. Emil Hofferth, Kouts.

EDUCATION

Dean Mary L. Matthews, Lafayette, Chairman.

Public Instruction, Mrs. W. P. Drumb, New Albany.

Pre-School Extension, Mrs. O. F. Sale, Huntington.

Adult Education, Mrs. Charles Gartlein, Connersville.

Library Service, Mrs. L. H. Bear, Vevay.

Student Loans, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru.

Radio Education, Mrs. Oscar Ahlgren, Whiting.
 Better Speech, Mrs. J. K. Chappell, Petersburg.
 Conservation, Miss Helen M. Waters, Russiaville.

FINE ARTS

Mrs. George A. Van Dyke, Indianapolis, Chairman.
 Art, Mrs. D. J. Prohaska, Whiting.
 Adviser, Mrs. Mary Q. Burnet, Indianapolis.
 Literature, Mrs. George W. Jaqua, Winchester.
 Poetry, Mrs. Hazel McGee Bowman, Odon.
 Drama, Mrs. Roy H. Graves, Indianapolis.
 Music, Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, South Bend.
 Hoosier Program Bureau, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes.
 International Relations, Mrs. Julia L. Davis, Kokomo.
 Juniors, Mrs. Azro Moss, Orleans.
 Legislation, Mrs. John W. Moore, Indianapolis.
 Press and Publicity, Mrs. Vaughn Cornish, Indianapolis.
 Indiana Club Woman, Mrs. Nettie A. Downey, South Bend.
 Circulation Manager, Mrs. Fred B. Bell, Rushville.

PUBLIC WELFARE

Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, West Lafayette, Chairman.
 Public Health, Mrs. Bruce Lane, Bainbridge.
 Child Welfare, Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer, Anderson.
 Correction, Mrs. Florence Reddick Boys, Plymouth.
 Community Service, Mrs. George Slavens, Waveland.
 Mental Hygiene, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.

"HIGHER GOALS FOR INDIANA"

The Forty-fifth Annual Convention was held in the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, October 23, 24, 25, 1934.

"'Good Presidents become such through local service in good clubs.' These words," writes Mrs. Hicks, "I found in a letter from my good friend Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith when I returned from the 1933 Convention at South Bend, where I had been elected President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. The club, in this instance, was the Helen Hunt Club of Cambridge City, of which Mrs. Meredith was a charter member. In Mrs. Meredith I found my first inspiration for club work and in the Helen Hunt Club I received my first training in Federation activity.

"The pageant that trails before me as I review my term as President and Director cannot be told in a few paragraphs. An administration is so closely linked to the preceding regime, as well as to the one which follows, that no problem is ever fully solved, as out of its very solution arise new needs, greater efforts and new workers to be trained."

This particular Advisory Board Meeting was outstanding because of the fact that Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole, General Federation President, was in attendance and spoke on "Dual Responsibility," which had reference to those who make the program as well as those who carry it through. Another delightful remembrance was the trip to Miss May Hobbs' home near Tipton, when she invited the Executive Board and Mrs. Poole to be her guests overnight.

At the Council Meeting, "Shall We Have a Spring Convention?" brought forth much discussion which was entered into by two visiting State Presidents—Mrs. E. H. Heller of Kentucky and Miss Elizabeth Haymaker of Ohio, both states having conventions in the spring. The result was a recommendation that the Board prepare a resolution favoring spring conventions, the plan to begin in 1935 and to be tried out for a period of three years.

At the formal opening, which was the General Federation Banquet, Mrs. C. J. Finch, President of the Seventh District, extended greetings and the response was given by Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, First Vice President of the Indiana Federation.

Besides Mrs. Poole and the visiting State Presidents, our honor guests were Mrs. Walter W. Seymour, Chicago, GFWC Chairman of the American Home Department, and Mrs. Laura Waples McMullen, New York, International Relations Chairman. "We, (in Indiana)" writes Mrs. Hicks, "were three times honored by the presence of the President of the General Federation, Mrs. Poole, who addressed our 1934 Convention, the Indianapolis Department Club, and the Elwood Department Club. It was a real thrill to have Mrs. Poole sit in one of our regular Executive Board Meetings." It was at this meeting, also, that Mrs. Poole said the three most enthusiastic club women in GFWC were Mrs. Slayden of California; Mrs. Lola Hunter, Kansas, and our own Mrs. Canine.

The customary reception followed Mrs. Poole's address, "Builders of the New Day."

Mrs. Paul Miller, Chairman of the American Home Department, presented Mrs. Walter W. Seymour, Chicago, as her speaker. Mrs. Seymour said that Indiana had contributed three programs for the American Home program book which was ready for distribution. These programs were prepared by Mrs. Herbert Sloan, Mrs. Emil Hofferth, and Mrs. Paul Miller.

"CONTROL OF CANCER"

Dr. Frank L. Rector, Field Representative for the Society for the Control of Cancer, spoke for the Public Welfare Department, Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, Chairman. Writing of the campaign, Mrs. Hicks says: "One day of record-breaking heat in the summer of 1934 I met Mrs. Carl Illig, Public Health Chairman of GFWC, in Indianapolis, and we made the first plans for the 'Control of Cancer' campaign in Indi-

ana. Our first meeting, which was held in the State House, was attended by Dr. Verlin Harvey, Dr. W. W. Kennedy, Dr. W. F. King and others."

Other noted speakers were Mr. Anthony Lehner, Director of Education, Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Association; Mr. Edmond T. Albertson, State Superintendent of Sunday Schools. Mrs. Willis W. Love, Chairman American Citizenship Department, presented Hon. Ralph F. Gates, Past State Commander of the American Legion. Dr. William G. Spencer, President Franklin College, was the speaker for the Federation Banquet, and his subject was "The Wise Use of Leisure."

THE INDIANA CLUB WOMAN MAGAZINE TO EVERY INDIANA CLUB WOMAN

"The official magazine is vital to the welfare of any organization," continues Mrs. Hicks, "and my first concern regarded the Indiana Club Woman. The magazine had been published for several years at a loss, and we set about to place it on a sound financial basis. The business manager was added to the staff. Sixteen thousand copies of the September-October issue, which carried the 1934 Convention Program, were published and sent to every member in the state." Mrs. Fred Bell, Rushville, was appointed Business Manager, and Mrs. Bell reported prizes had been awarded as follows: Thirteenth District for the most subscriptions, 236; 6th District second with 144. Tenth District showed the greatest gain in subscriptions.

ADVERTISING POLICY

Mrs. E. C. Rumpler made a motion, which was carried, regarding advertising appearing in the official publications of the Indiana Federation, as follows: "Indiana Federation of Clubs to instruct all persons responsible for publishing or soliciting advertising for either the Year Book or the Indiana Club Woman to refuse any and all political advertisements, or any advertisements which in any way, specific or implied, advertise intoxicating liquors, and that this action shall continue in effect until it is rescinded by the organization itself."

FINE ARTS

In writing of the Fine Arts Department, Mrs. Hicks states: "The county art festivals and exhibits aroused interest and the Penny Art Fund flourished. . . . Art in Indiana was consistently recognized by the General Federation. We stood in third place for furtherance of Art work and progress with Penny Art Fund, for which an oil painting was presented by Mrs. Alvoni Allen, GFWC Chairman, to Mrs. D. J. Prohaska of Whiting." Mrs. George A. Van Dyke, Chairman of the Fine Arts Department, reported Lake and Grant Counties and 6th District 100% for Penny Art Fund. Continuing, Mrs. Hicks

writes, "During this period Harold Stark, a native Hoosier and nephew of Mrs. Birdie Mae Stark, our Vice Chairman of Art, made weekly broadcasts on the National Art Appreciation Hour."

SECOND POET LAUREATE

Mrs. Edith Lombard Squires of Richmond, a poet who has imagination, delicacy and charm, was named Poet Laureate for this two-year period, to succeed Mrs. Tilden.

THE THREE M'S:

MONEY, MEMBERS, MAGAZINE

"Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter wrote a beautiful pageant, which was used in Indiana and in many other states for the promotion of the Foundation Fund. Containers for collecting coins were distributed throughout the State. When these boxes were filled or a member contributed as much as two dollars and a half, her name was placed on the ROLL OF HONOR. This roll came to me with 171 names and was turned to my successor with 758 names inscribed in a beautiful book purchased by the Federation." In connection with the Foundation Fund and the GFWC Official Publication, we find Mrs. Canine, Director, using as her slogan, "Money, Members, Magazine—the three M's."

MINERVA CLUB—75TH BIRTHDAY

"The seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Minerva Club in New Harmony was celebrated September 20, 1934. . . . Miss Fauntleroy, the gracious hostess, was at her best and the guest list numbered approximately one thousand. Many beautiful birthday gifts were left at the home. Highlights on the program were a dinner at the Old Rappite Tavern on the preceding evening, addressed by Hon. L. M. O'Bannon, of Corydon and Mr. Ross Lockridge, and the presentation of a beautiful pageant, 'The House of Dreams,' written by Mrs. Bess V. Ehrmann, of Rockville."

Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Chairman of the Old Fauntleroy Home Committee, reported the property as being in beautiful condition. Among the gifts presented during the year were a red morocco Guest Book from Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, autographed poem, "The Old Fauntleroy Home," Mrs. Hazel Bowman; a Federal mirror for the library, the gift of the 11th District; a hooked rug, "The House of Dreams," made by Mrs. Jas. L. Harman, Shelby County, 8th District. There were also many gifts of money, all to be used for definite purposes, which the House Committee carried out.

FROM FALL TO SPRING

From the business sessions we find that after much discussion on the floor of the Convention, the action was taken to change the time

of the State Conventions from Fall to Spring. Writing of this change Mrs. Hicks says: "Because of the change to a Spring Convention many adjustments were necessary. Two State Conventions were held within seven months and two Year Books were edited within one year. The task seemed Herculean and could not have been accomplished without the cooperation of many fine women who had a part in the machinery of the organization."

Amplifiers were used for the first time and each speaker could be heard in the furthest corner of the convention hall. The Juniors had their own headquarters. A Federation Day was named for the Hoosier Salon in Chicago. Eighty-three applications were accepted for membership. The roster listed 673 clubs with a membership of 21,188. The five cents per capita went to the Club Woman Magazine. Twenty-thousand, six hundred sixty-two towels made by the blind were sold and \$50.50 sent in to the IFC Memorial Fund for the blind, with nearly \$5,000 turned in from the sale of goods made by the blind. A record-breaking attendance of a voting body of 555 with general attendance of over one thousand.

The largest District is the Thirteenth. The largest club, the Woman's Department Club, Indianapolis; 7th District and the 3d District lead in Junior clubs. Four hundred thirty-six members were added to the GFWC roster, which placed Indiana with a 3.2% plus increase. Mrs. William I. Ellison, Winona Lake, 13th District, received the personal prize from Mrs. George W. Jaqua and also a gavel for the greatest number of new clubs. The County leader was Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick, Muncie, Delaware County, Mrs. E. N. Ripley, Hobart, Junior Chairman, 10th District, secured six Junior clubs and Mrs. Ed Hodge, Frankfort, Clinton County Junior Chairman, four Junior clubs.

INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN

During the administration of Mrs. Hicks, Institutes gave a richer opportunity for the demonstration of higher goals in Indiana. Eight hundred Institute outlines were distributed and the Department Chairman contributed departmental institutes. Nine thousand, three hundred thirty-six Institute hours were reported the first year of the administration. Mrs. Harvey Snider, 6th District, reported the greatest number of hours and Mrs. Willis Love, 12th District, the greatest number of hours in the County group—Steuben County. Mrs. Everett Brown, Henry County, 6th District, won the prize for the greatest number of American Home Institutes.

Indiana's Institute Chairman, Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, was asked to conduct an Institute on "Courtesy Resolutions" at the GFWC Council, Hot Springs, Arkansas. These findings were approved by Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole and the report printed in the GFWC Magazine.

Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks announced prizes awarded the following clubs in the "Indianapolis Star" Program Contest: Worthington Study

Club, Jeffersonville Study Club, Winchester Study Club, Indianapolis Inter Nos, and Bloomfield Wednesday Reading Club.

Mrs. John B. Wisley, 5th District, received a \$5 prize offered by Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Chairman of Student Loans, for turning in the greatest number of Loans. Mrs. Miller also reported \$200 would be added to the Educational Loan Funds in both Indiana and Purdue Universities.

Mrs. John E. Moore, Historian, reported an inventory of the personal property of the Old Fauntleroy Home had been received for the Historian's Box.

Mrs. Herbert Sloan, Worthington, assumed the leadership of the Motion Picture Committee when it became an independent committee during the presidency of Mrs. Hicks, 1933-34. Announcement was made that club women were showing increasing concern anent the effect of the movies on more than twenty-five million children and adolescents attending the cinema each week in the United States. The organization of Better Film Councils was advocated. Monthly reviews were posted in libraries and schools, placed in the hands of theatre managers, presented before individual clubs, and lists of selected pictures were carried in newspaper columns. "LET YOUR THEATRE TICKET BE YOUR BALLOT FOR BETTER PICTURES," was the slogan, and cooperation was had with the GFWC Chairman, Mrs. Richard McClure.

Miss Beatrice Swallow of Cambridge City succeeded Mrs. Sloan as Chairman and cooperation with the "Legion of Decency," and similar organizations, augmented the drastic drive to force a clean-up in the industry. In the Resolutions we find the protest against blind booking and blocking as it pertains to motion pictures.

The Memorial Hour was conducted by Mrs. John E. Moore and honored the memory of Mrs. J. F. Edwards, who had been serving as President of the 7th District.

A tea at the Woman's Department Club and music interspersed throughout the Convention made this session one long to be remembered.

With the presentation of the new officers the Convention adjourned.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

INDIANAPOLIS, MAY 22, 23, 24, 1935

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Mothercraft, Mrs. Hugh Banta, Rockville.

Religious Training in the Home, Miss Fern Wood, Evansville.

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Radio Education, Mrs. W. F. Holmes, Indianapolis.

Better Speech, Mrs. J. K. Chappell, Petersburg.

Conservation, Miss Helen Waters, Russiaville.

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Drama, Mrs. Roy H. Graves, Indianapolis.

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"CHANGE BUILT UPON PERMANENT VALUES"

The Forty-sixth Annual Convention was held in Indianapolis at the Claypool Hotel, May 22, 23, 24, 1935, for the first Spring Convention under the new plan.

The Council Meeting was given over to the discussion of clubs in Universal membership and the Foundation Fund, as these are the two uppermost problems in the minds of club women today.

At the formal opening, which was the General Federation Dinner, on the first evening, Mrs. C. J. Finch, President of the 7th District, greeted the Convention and the Second Vice President of IFC, Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, responded.

General Federation guests were Dr. Josephine L. Peirce, Lima, Ohio, Second Vice President GFWC, and Miss Emily Louise Plumley, Connecticut, Chairman of the American Citizenship Department.

Mrs. Hicks in her address said: "The future depends upon our adjustment to the changing conditions. We must learn tolerance for the opinion of others, have an open mind for new ideas, find the art of collective thinking and collective action, learn disciplined living and obey the Ten Commandments."

Mr. H. L. Chaillaux, Director of National Americanism, American Legion, spoke on "A More Abundant America for Americans."

Our GFWC guests spoke many times during their stay in Indianapolis. Mrs. Willis Love, Chairman of the American Citizenship Department, presented Miss Plumley in "Polly Put the Kettle On," and again at a dinner meeting when she spoke on "The Test of Citizenship." With Miss Plumley on this particular program was Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman of Law Observance, GFWC.

Mrs. Walter Seymour, Chicago, later Second Vice President GFWC; Mrs. William F. Ferrell, retiring State President of Illinois, and Mrs. Truman F. Creager, Finance Chairman for the Illinois Federation, extended greetings. Mrs. Fred Bell, American Home Chairman, presented Mrs. Seymour who took for her subject, "Today's Challenge to the Home." On this same hour was Mr. Grover Van Dyne, Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Federation Dinner on the last evening was honored by having as its guest a future President of GFWC, Mrs. Eugene B. Lawson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, whose subject was "The New Day." This was followed by the Foundation Fund Pageant, written by Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter and beautifully portrayed.

Other speakers on the three-day program included the Rev. Sumner L. Martin, Connersville, whose subject was "America Awake." Rev. Martin was presented by Mrs. Julia Davis, Chairman of the International Relations Department. Dr. Harriet O'Shea, Purdue University, was the speaker presented by Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, Chairman of Public Welfare, with the subject, "How Mental Health Contributes to Successful Adjustment."

At the second evening dinner meeting Dean Mary L. Matthews, Chairman of the Education Department, presented Mr. Van Dyne, Mr. Winston Riley, Jr., and Dr. John B. Hubbard.

Mrs. Herman Jones, Chairman of Rural Cooperation, presented the Hon. H. H. Evans, New Castle, and his subject was "The Agricultural Adjustment."

FIRST PRESS LUNCHEON

The first Press luncheon was planned by Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Chairman, and she presented Mr. C. Walter McCarty, Managing Editor of the "Indianapolis News"; Mr. James A. Stuart, Managing Editor of the "Indianapolis Star," and six reporters, who gave a symposium on news gathering.

Mrs. John W. Moore, Legislative Chairman, presented a Panel Jury composed of representatives from nine large state organizations of women.

Even in this shortened year much was accomplished and from the minutes we read that \$686.15 was paid in for Student Loans, with 5th District leading for the second successive year. Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks announced one of the winners in the "Indianapolis Star" Program Contest, The Twentieth Century Club, Worthington, as eligible to entry in the Triennial Contest of GFWC at Detroit. Other winners were The Dunes Federated Club of Gary, The Tourist of Sheridan, Arcadia of Franklin, and the Columbus Culture of Columbus.

Mrs. William I. Ellison, Chairman of Juniors, presented several young club women from different parts of the state and reported 18 new Junior clubs with a membership of 350.

Fifteen thousand, three hundred ninety-eight trees have been re-

ported by the Conservation Committee as having been planted by club women. Ten thousand, two hundred four dollars and fifty-two cents was spent on public welfare this year by the clubs of the State. Six thousand, five hundred fourteen dollars and eighty cents was received from the sale of goods made by the blind. One thousand, one hundred sixty-seven subscriptions were reported for the Club Woman Magazine, 13th District, in the lead with 340 and Kosciusko County leading the Counties with 95. Mrs. Hicks says, "One goal of this administration was reached when at the 1935 Convention a balance of \$250 was reported in the Club Woman account, the magazine had been enlarged, and the beautiful cover, which had been removed, had been replaced."

Mrs. George A. Van Dyke, Fine Arts Chairman, reported six scrap books had been entered in its contest. One hundred sixty-one dollars and forty cents had been contributed to Penny Art Fund, with Mrs. Lafayette Porter, Art Chairman, 5th District, leading. A prize of \$20 was won in the GFWC Fine Arts Questionnaire Contest. The Peru Art Club was awarded first prize, an oil, "Gloucester Fisherman," by R. K. Selfridge, Indianapolis; the Art Department of the Woman's Department Club, Indianapolis, second, received a water color, "Play," by Elba Riffle of Winamac, and the Delphian Club, Rushville, 3d District, a vase and base by the Overbeck Pottery, Cambridge City, as third prize. Our Poet Laureate, Edith Lombard Squires, Richmond, read a number of her own poems.

MAGAZINE PROJECT

Mrs. Willis Love, Angola, was appointed Chairman of a Special Magazine Project—that of ridding newsstands of obscene and crime-provoking literature. Four thousand sixty-two Institute hours were reported from Miss Sada Scholl, 6th District, and Mrs. Willis Love, Steuben County, 12th District, reported 1,096.

It was voted to send out the Resolutions to be presented at the Convention with the "Convention Call." It was also voted to allow the Club Woman magazine to be sold at 35c per year in blocks of ten or more, 25c per year when all members of a club subscribe or receive it, and for single subscriptions the rate will still be 50c. The Circulation Manager was combined with Business Manager.

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter reported that the Manager of the Western Union had donated \$10 and the Advertising Manager of the Claypool Hotel, \$5 to the Foundation Fund. She also reported at the Advisory Board Meeting in February that Banner-Whitehill Company had donated the printing and mailing of the Foundation Fund Pageant. Ten dollars was voted as a gift to the Poole Birthday Fund, which with gifts from other states will be presented to Mrs. Poole at a din-

ner in her honor at the Triennial in Detroit. Each state was asked to purchase a chair for Headquarters and \$4 was allowed by the Trustees.

A resolution was presented and ordered sent to the State Board of Education that they print the Ten Commandments and place a copy in every school room in the State.

MEMBERSHIP

Fifty applications have been received this year and the roster shows 695 clubs with a membership of 21,580. The Extension Chairman, Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, reported an increase of 8.03%. This means there were 765 new Universal members received for 3½ months as against 740 for the entire twelve months of last year. The extension prizes were presented Mrs. J. H. Howarth, Pine Village, 10th District, for bringing in 275 Universal members; Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, South Bend, 13th District, for the most Junior clubs. Mrs. C. J. Finch, 7th District, was presented a prize for 9 Universal clubs representing 255 members. A personal prize of \$5 was also presented by Mrs. George W. Jaqua to the 7th District, for the greatest number of Universal clubs.

THE JANE DALE OWEN FAUNTLEROY HARP

Mrs. James S. Boonshot reported on the Old Fauntleroy Home and we read that many clubs and individuals have sent sums of money to be used for particular work at the Home. A silk quilt was received from the Terre Haute Federated Club. The 4th District, through Miss Evelyn Craig, presented a cherry tilt-top table. Through the personal efforts of Miss Fauntleroy the paint for the Home was donated by Sargent Goeke & Co., Indianapolis, through their distributors, Kelly DeFur & Sons, Mt. Vernon. One hundred six dollars and seventy-seven cents was received from the club women for this work. In the Minerva parlor now stands the harp belonging to Mrs. Jane Dale Owen Fauntleroy and brought from Lanark, Scotland, in 1832. (See Old Fauntleroy Home.)

DEATH OF MRS. EVA BUTTLES ROHBOCK

During the Memorial Hour, which was held for all those members who have passed on, special emphasis was placed on the passing of Mrs. Eva Buttles Rohbock, Past President of the Indiana Union, and Mrs. John Sherman, Past President of GFWC.

The report of the Election Committee showed 219 votes cast and the following elected: President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz; Second Vice President, Mrs. Claude Steele; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. George R. Dillinger; Trustee, Mrs. Allan S. Courtney; GFWC Director, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks.

Mrs. Hicks closes her resumé with: "During my regime as President it was my pleasure to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Upper Mississippi Valley Conference Group composed of twelve states. When I became Director I was elected President of the Directors' Council. One of the highlights of this period was the Directors' dinner at the Municipal Airport in Miami, Florida, for which I was responsible. Miss Lena Madsen Phillips was our guest speaker.

"This pageant trails on and on. I wish I might tell you of my Junior escort and page, Miss Antionette Filiatreau of Elwood, who served me so graciously at Hot Springs Council, the fine visit to a series of District Conventions in Ohio, State Day at South Bend, Winona Lake and Bethany Park, the Hoosier Program Bureau, the hospitable District, County and Club meetings, my part in the dedication of the new Indiana Public Library, and my first broadcast, which was really exciting.

"All these activities were not without efforts and disappointments and a good deal of courage. There is a reward in learning to live co-operatively, taking the bitter with the sweet, knowing all the while it is a part of a God-given plan."



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Arcada Campbell Stark, daughter of James Norbourn Stark and Mary Elizabeth Weaver (Stark), was born in Monroe County, Indiana, just a few miles north of Bloomington. "Within the neighborhood close by," says Mrs. Balz, "a brick colonial house, tall evergreen trees on either side of high pillared doorway, was the home of my Grandfather Stark, and the place around which my earliest childhood memories are twined. Down the road and just beyond, a white colonial house, with its tall evergreen trees an avenue to the road, stood the home of my Great-grandfather Van Buskirk. Uncles, aunts and cousins were neighbors in every direction.

"My first memories are of great family gatherings at grandfather's, as uncles, aunts and cousins, gathered 'round this family board. 'Second table' was for children in that day, but time did not hang heavily as cousins played with cousins upon the broad lawn or strolled through the orchard nearby.

"After Fall County and State Fairs were over, where finely bred animals from this stock farm were exhibited, came one of the most exciting events of the year—the annual fox hunt—of which sport both my father and grandfather were devotees. From Southern Indiana, from Ohio and Kentucky came huntsmen on favorite mounts, and then the chase was on over the hills.

"Spring brought 'sugar making' time, when the 'sugar orchard' took on such activity as few Indiana children of today can know. In this same 'sugar orchard' in late summer came the reunion of the Campbell family in Indiana, and every home of this family again filled with guests. The event of the day came at noon when the eldest member of this family (descended from the Scottish Argyle clan of that name) standing a bit apart, gave the 'clan call,' which was a summons to those who had strayed about in the grove, that the great 'basket dinner' was spread ready, upon fine linen beneath these lovely maple trees.

"I can never remember a time, it seems to me now, when the 'parlor bedrooms,' as they were called (the bedrooms back of the parlors on the first floor), were not occupied by some visiting relatives from Kentucky, all of which added zest to the lives of little grandchildren. Campbellsburg, in Southern Indiana, is named for the pioneer members of this family in this State.

"The Van Buskirk cemetery was a place where we children loved to stroll, reading over and over the names of the soldiers of that name who had fought in every war of the Union and of the Colonies before. In D. A. R. circles this cemetery is known as 'Little Arlington.'

"Through our paternal line we were descended from the General John Stark family, of New Hampshire, hero of the battles of Bunker Hill and of Bennington. Through our maternal line we were descended from Isaac Le Fevre, Huguenot, the first professor of mathematics and philosophy in William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. Through this line we were descended from a long line of Methodist ministers and were early accustomed to the long Sunday sermons of that day.

"Living through my early years in the close intimacy of a large and clanish family, with close family ties, hearing ever and again from great-grandparents and grandparents, great tales so thrilling to a child, connecting family, state and nation, bred in us a strong feeling for history and a personal responsibility for citizenship.

"All of my life has been spent as a resident of my native state, excepting three years in the west in search of health for our father, who died in my early young womanhood. I was educated in the Indianapolis schools, graduating from an Indianapolis high school and from the Indianapolis Normal, teaching for a few years thereafter, and continuing study through the Indiana University Extension Division. When I resigned to be married to Frederick G. Balz, a young merchant of our city, I was teaching history, literature and art in one of our junior high schools. Teaching was ever a delight, but when a scholarship for splendid teaching ability was offered by the superintendent of our schools, it was declined, as marriage seemed more attractive.

"Through the years I have served upon committees and commissions, have had part in community drives, and for many years have had direct contact with club life and with Federation activities in our State. Perhaps the greatest recent pleasure has come through the promotion of the memorialization of the little town of New Harmony, in the southern part of our state. This town of such great historic significance, and its outstanding leaders, I first heard of as a child in my grandfather's home.

"We have found some time for work and some for play and study and travel, my husband and I. Many interests and activities have made the years happy ones."

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COMMUNITY OF THE STATE”

The Forty-seventh Annual Convention convened in Indianapolis May 12, 13, 14, 1936.

“I have always liked to think of this Federation of ours,” said Mrs. Balz, as she was presented at the close of the Forty-sixth Annual Convention, “not as great numbers of clubs stretching around the globe, but rather, I have liked to think of it as a great pageant of women, of varying ages and from every walk of life, who march in continuous procession across the pages of history, writing thus the story of their time by their activities and accomplishments. Women of today—of many yesterdays and of many tomorrows—go into the making of this pageant, as generation after generation, each succeeds the other, and younger hands take up the tasks laid down by pioneers. To this great organization, conceived in the hearts and minds of women of yesteryear—to it, to them, to you—I pledge myself with earnestness and sincerity for the tasks ahead.

“For years in Indiana it has been the custom of the Vice Presidents, each during her last year of office, to accompany the President as she visited the Thirteen District Conventions. Several among the early Presidents could not make all Conventions because of transportation problems, but the evolution of interurban and bus solved this difficulty. It remained, however, for Mrs. Hicks to be the first Indiana Federation President to make all conventions by motor, and perhaps in some future time they may all be made by airplanes. It was the turn of the First Vice President to attend the District Conventions this year, and Mrs. Balz driving her car with Mrs. Hicks, through one month of glorious spring weather attended these conventions, distributing the blue Foundation Fund boxes which had been prepared during the closing months of Mrs. Canine’s administration.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

“The theme chosen by the new President for the administration was, ‘The Indiana Federation—A constructive force in each community of our State.’ To help all to concentrate more earnestly upon this theme, she asked through the pages of the Club Woman that each District Federation assume a definite concrete piece of work, as a Federation project, for which club women of each District might unite as a unit in working. Every District responded at once, and much splendid newspaper publicity accrued to the Federation as these projects were chosen and later developed, placing clubs in constructive

and most favorable light in their various communities. Mrs. Lawrence E. Carvey, Press Chairman, did excellent work in this connection.

These projects covered such fields as: Better marking of roads leading to the Old Fauntleroy Home, and better promotion of the Home; Safety upon the highway, pledge cards carrying drivers' rules procured through the "Indianapolis News" were signed and returned; Safety kits compiled for distribution; Education for cancer control with clubs sponsoring at least one program with a designated qualified physician as speaker; Promotion for a tuberculosis hospital in southern Indiana; Education through each individual club concerning un-Americanism; Purchase of Talking Books for blind; Raising fund for placing aged blind in home for same; Finger-printing of all school children of one entire District and testing of school children for tuberculosis in same.

"Perhaps the most outstanding of these District projects, from the standpoint of immediate, definite, concrete accomplishment was that of my own District, the Seventh. This District took as its project the raising of \$6,000 for the purchase of radium for use in the free cancer clinic of the City Hospital, this being the only free cancer clinic in the State at that time. Many methods of raising money were developed by the splendid committee in charge, and within sixty days \$8,500 had been raised, sufficient to purchase 235 milligrams of radium for use in this free clinic. This radium was incorporated and is administered by Mrs. John F. Engelke, Mrs. A. J. Huber, by the President at all times, of the Seventh District, and the Superintendent of the City Hospital."

"Hurrah for the Seventh District and its Radium Fund," wired Mrs. Lawson, GFWC President. "This is a noble piece of work!"

FINE ARTS FESTIVALS

"Up to this time," writes Mrs. Balz, "there had been but one meeting annually in each District, this being the District Convention, largely given over, of necessity, to business and to organization work. These Conventions were frequently held in a far corner of the District and many club women of opposing distances found it hard to attend. In planning now for the District Conventions, changed from spring months to the fall, we asked each District President to plan for a second District meeting, to be held at some time during the spring months, and in an opposite part of the District from the place of Convention. We asked that this meeting be in the nature of a Fine Arts Festival, a wholly cultural meeting, with artists, musicians and painters of the community having part upon the program. We asked, too, that old crafts be revived and that new crafts indicative of today's living be encouraged through study, demonstration and

exhibit. Again the Districts responded enthusiastically, and the programs for these Fine Arts Festivals were outstanding.

"Perhaps we shall never know," writes Mrs. Balz, "the full value of all that we have done in turning our attention with emphasis anew to the cultural phases of our program of work. Mrs. George R. Dillinger, President of the Third District, put on the first of these festivals and it was most excellent.

"Again much splendid newspaper publicity accrued to the Federation because of these District Federation projects. The Fine Arts Department, under whose direction these were given, was to win three General Federation prizes during this administration.

FEDERATION HEADQUARTERS DAY

"Very soon after the club year began the new President felt the need of a definite time and place for meeting with out-state club women for conference. The Claypool Hotel placed at the disposal of the Federation for this purpose, one room in the hotel, and Tuesday of each week was established as Headquarters Day, to be observed at all times excepting during Federation (GFWC and IFC) Board Meetings and Conventions. Here Department heads and Committee women met with the President to revise and build programs, working uninterruptedly together."

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED

While First Vice President, and thus Dean of Departments, Mrs. Balz had heard the complaints of District, County, and Club Presidents who could not get complete programs of work in sufficient quantities, thus she realized the need of a new system of presenting program material. For years Dean Matthews had issued a mimeographed program which included the General Federation program along with hers and that of the Division and Committee women of her Department of Education. These had been much sought after and her distribution of these to all club Presidents brought fine work in return, as thorough use was made of them.

"At the beginning of the new administration the President asked each Department Chairman to prepare and print, or mimeograph, her own program in like manner, using her financial budget for this work. With these new comprehensive Department programs of work in the hands of District, County and Club Presidents by the first of September, splendid work was begun at once, and we were to see great improvement during the two years of this administration in conduct of Federation programs of work because of this. Commendation upon the new plan in Indiana came from the General Federation President and Department Chairmen, as well as much praise to Chairmen for the fine work accomplished through these."

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

In mid-September began the first of the Fall District Conventions and the First Vice President, Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam, accompanied the President, speaking upon Department programs of work. Eight Council Meetings were arranged for upon the evening before the Conventions were to be held. "These necessitated long drives," writes Mrs. Balz, "after the close of one Convention in order to reach the Council of the next District on time, but around these Council Tables, with the intimate group of workers—the District Officers and Committee Women—so much of information was given and received that the effort made was as nothing in comparison to the good which was gained."

Immediately at the close of these District Conventions Mrs. Balz drove to St. Marys, Ohio, to attend, at the invitation of Miss Elizabeth Haymaker, Ohio Federation's President, the last of that state's District Conventions. "It was most interesting, indeed, to make comparisons, to listen and to learn different ways of conducting Federation's work. In many, many ways we may learn from Ohio," said Mrs. Balz, "but in many other ways we like our way best."

CLUBWOMAN COVER PAGE

In speaking of the Clubwoman magazine Mrs. Balz says: "Coming through the depression days the Clubwoman had been stripped of its cover page and somewhat reduced in size, through lack of finances, though it was so ably edited by Mrs. Downey that it still remained one of the splendid State magazines. The President now recommended a cover page in Federation blue and personally solicited advertising enough to pay for this change for the year. A new feature was instituted, a series of articles pertaining to early history of the Federation, which was to be contributed by the Past Presidents.

"Soon after the beginning of the club year I had contacted every Past President then living, or some member of her family. I found them scattered from the west coast to the east coast, and found also that several had died, that information not having come to the Federation. This history feature was the beginning of a plan to collect and compile all obtainable data with a view to publishing an Indiana Federation History, concerning the woman's club movement in Indiana, while as many of the pioneer Presidents as possible were yet able to make these contributions.

"Up to this time the only reference record available was the Historical Edition of the Indiana Clubwoman, published during Mrs. Sheehan's administration." The first of these articles was contributed by Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, then Honorary President of IFC. (Now deceased.)

"The club women demonstrated their appreciation of this larger

and more attractive magazine through added subscriptions, and it was not long after that Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, able business manager of the magazine, announced that the subscription list had been doubled.

"A new procedure was promoted by the trustees when their most efficient Chairman, Miss Evelyn Craig, recommended the trustees' offer of 40% of any advertisement obtained to the club woman obtaining it, with further recommendation that this 40% be turned over to her club's Foundation Fund quota. Considerable new advertising was added thus, and at the close of the club year Miss Craig was able to make the report of a surplus of \$543.60 to the credit of the Clubwoman Fund. For the first time in several years the Clubwoman was paying for itself and much more; for we had published and distributed one more than the usual number of issues and had a splendid surplus in addition.

"The mid-winter meeting of the Board of Directors of the General Federation, which was the first of Mrs. Lawson's administration, was outstanding in the strength of its speakers and in the scope of its work," writes Mrs. Balz. "It brought a fuller realization that the club movement reaches to the farthestmost parts of the world, and that from year to year its program grows to greater heights."

INDIANA FEDERATION HISTORY

"With authorization from the IFC Board for the compilation of historical data with plans for its publication at the close of this administration, committees for this work were appointed. Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, a past Second Vice President and present Trustee, was appointed Chairman of the Compilation Committee. She and the President, having worked together as Vice Presidents of IFC, it was easy for them to begin at once what developed into a long and strenuous task, each of them carrying forward this work while at the same time carrying on the duties of present offices. Every source of information available was taken advantage of. In reading over the short history of the Edgeworthalian Club of Bloomington (1841), I discovered," says Mrs. Balz, "one of its Presidents was an early member of my own family, Mrs. M. Buskirk."

Mrs. Balz and Mrs. Courtney met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Moore, IFC Historian, to check the accumulation of material. This was later transported to the home of Mrs. Courtney for her constant use. Libraries were visited and old files of newspapers reread for certain data. Oft-times the finding of some sought-after bit of information took days and weeks of research, and occasioned much letter writing.

Each Past President was asked to write the article concerning her own administration. Much that is valuable and interesting in the way of old letters, preserved for almost half a century by early Presidents, was turned over by them to Mrs. Balz, and these will be placed in the

Historian's box, since all of this material of necessity could not be printed.

"As we saw the death of six of our Past Presidents in the coming months, we realized how timely indeed had been this beginning of the compilation of our history, since each of them had left behind in her own writing, the story of the Indiana Federation of her day. It has been such a pleasure to realize how big was the conception of this Federation in the minds of those women who created it for us. Altogether this has been a most interesting and enjoyable task—though exacting and arduous—for both Mrs. Courtney and myself.

"Many Indiana club women attended the Hoosier Salon in January held at Marshall Fields, in Chicago, attending the Lake County Federation Day luncheon, at which the President was a speaker. Many journeyed up for the Progress Club's State Day, and down state for the Woman's Department Club's Birthday Celebration that year. The Salon sold more than \$3,000 worth of Hoosier canvasses during the time of the exhibit, and more than a like amount of sales was made afterward from the exhibit interest.

"As President, one is asked to speak before many groups and to serve upon many, many committees. During the summer months, I spoke upon the Indiana University School of Medicine's program, in the University's building upon the Indiana State Fair grounds, on the subject 'The Federation's Program for Cancer Control.'

"In November, I had the rare privilege of taking part in Purdue University's Conference upon 'Woman's' Work and Woman's Opportunity,' having been asked to speak upon the subject of 'Woman's Volunteer Service.' Here were gathered women leaders, most of whom were well at the head of their particular fields of activity. Miss Kathryn E. Pickett, Editor of the Woman's Page of the 'Indianapolis Star,' herself a club woman, spoke upon 'Newspaper Work as a Career for Women.'

"To most of us the outstanding persons upon that program were Mrs. Meredith, our Honorary President, and Amelia Earhart, the aviator, who for a few weeks each year was connected with the staff of the University. Said Dean Mary L. Matthews, of the Home Economics School of the University: 'Miss Earhart loved buttermilk, also she wore a beautiful fur ascot. At once, upon her arrival upon the campus, the consumption of buttermilk went up and students sewed furiously making fur ascots, with which she helped, as they tried to emulate her in every way.'

"By appointment of Governor Paul V. McNutt, I was asked to serve, as Federation's Representative, upon the Governor's Safety Committee; the President's Birthday Balls Committee; the Will Rogers Memorial Committee. (This also by appointment of Mrs. Lawson, GFWC President.) I was also asked to serve as Secretary of the

Committee on Federal Housing Administration in Indiana, upon which Committee Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter also was asked to serve, and The Federal Writers' Project. As a member of the Indiana Advisory Public Health Council, I was appointed Chairman of the Committee on venereal disease control, because of the great interest which the Federation had taken in this national program, and upon which subject I had spoken freely at all District Conventions in the fall."

In the spring, the annual inspection trip was made to New Harmony, Mrs. Balz, Miss Craig, Chairman of Trustees, and Miss Hobbs making the trip. "We found Miss Fauntleroy celebrating her 78th birthday, and as interesting and as interested in current affairs as ever. Miss Craig reported to the Board that the Old Fauntleroy Home was in 'apple pie' order."

GFWC AT MIAMI

Seventeen members of the Indiana Federation attended the GFWC Council, at Miami, in late April. "No other state President," writes Mrs. Balz, "had greater opportunity to speak and to take part in Institute programs, because of fine work done by the women of her state than had Indiana's President. Seldom has the Federation had a more beautiful Convention setting, and Mrs. Lawson's program lived up to that setting, with an unusually beautiful musical program. She, herself, being handsomely gowned for every session.

IFC CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Program Chairman for the Forty-Seventh Convention of IFC was Mrs. Harry Lee Beshore, of Marion. "Mrs. Beshore secured an outstandingly beautiful musical program, such as is not often had at State Conventions, assisting in many other ways with the preparation of this first Convention of the administration.

"Mrs. C. J. Finch, Seventh District President, was the local Convention hostess, and did a splendid task of making all Convention visitors comfortable and happy." Mrs. Finch extended greetings at the formal opening to which Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam, First Vice President, responded.

"TODAY'S TRENDS POINT TO TOMORROW'S GOALS"

"The plan for the entire program for this Convention was to show the wide and ever-mounting spread of the 'isms,' the many 'isms,' which sought here in our own country to break down Americanism in most subtle ways," comments Mrs. Balz. "Therefore, issues rather than departments of work were stressed.

"The first day was Junior Day, and youth problems were given emphasis. 'Education for Living' was the theme for the second day.

Civic and Social Problems were keynoted on the third day. Perhaps the most interesting program of them all, from standpoint of attendance, was the Forum 'Trends in the Two Great Political Parties, as Seen Through the Eyes of Women.' Mrs. Adalin Wright Macauley (Mrs. John W.) had been sent by the National Republican Committee, and Mrs. Izetta Jewel Miller by the National Democratic Committee. Every seat in the Convention Assembly room was taken and the gallery was filled with women standing in the aisles, showing their deep interest in political trends of the day."

Other brilliant speakers were Madam Julia Cantacuzene, granddaughter of President U. S. Grant, who had married Major General Prince Cantecuzene, Count Speransky of Russia in 1899, and had lived for many years in Russia. Madam Cantacuzene was introduced by Mrs. Edmund Burke Ball, and the subject of her address was "Communism in Russia and in America." Dr. Edward Elliott, President of Purdue University, spoke upon "The Liability of Ability." Two Federation speakers of note were Miss Willie Lawson, of Arkansas, whose subject was "Youth Speaks," and Miss Alves Long, St. Louis, whose subject was "Youth Acts."

Other speakers during the three-day session included: Dr. Lillian M. Gilbreth, Purdue University and New Jersey, on "The Challenge of Today's Problems;" Mr. Charles G. Little, on "Need for Realism in International Relations;" Mr. Donald Stiver, Director Public Safety for Indiana; Mr. A. J. Perrot, Finger Printing; Dr. Charles Emerson, Dean and Professor of Medicine of Indiana University, on "Habits for Living at Our Best;" Paul C. Stetson, Superintendent of the Indianapolis Schools; Mr. Floyd T. McMurray, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Indiana; Miss Catherine Bailey, of the Indianapolis Public Library, and Dr. John G. Benson, Superintendent Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. Mrs. H. B. Ritchie, Athens, Georgia, retiring President of the Georgia Federation, was a guest and gave greetings.

Mrs. Balz, in her Convention message, said among other things: "These trends today which point toward what tomorrow's goals may be are all about us. Let us be done with 'wishful thinking,' and as a mature organization, accept the responsibility of being moulders of public opinion, and turn to a planned and ordered program, which will accomplish our objectives. Let us through a two-part program, a program of study and of concrete application of that study, in project work, help to keep true our nation's standards for women, for children, and for all mankind. Let us be ever mindful of this which Lincoln has said—

'Moulders of public opinion go deeper than
makers of laws or the enforcers of them.'

"Let us mould public opinion that the trends which we create today may assure the proper goals for tomorrow's citizens for whom you and I today but set the stage."

Up to this time no one but officers and club delegates had received Convention programs, and for the unofficial club woman who attended, there was nothing to point to what the program might contain. Taking funds from the program budget, Mrs. Beshore and Mrs. Balz procured Daily Sheets, which carried each day's program, much to the pleasure of the Convention members.

"There were many unique features to this Convention's programs," says Mrs. Balz, "which brought a flood of congratulatory letters, none more congratulatory than was Madam Cantecuzene's. Mrs. E. E. Mum-mert, President of the Indiana State Federation in 1904, writing from California, said: 'Your Convention struck a high note of accomplishment and future objectives for Indiana! How greatly I enjoyed reading of it in the After-Convention Clubwoman. IFC is doing great things today!' Mrs. Frank Saylor, President of the Indiana Union in 1905, wrote: 'How the Indiana Federation has grown in scope and numbers. Hard as the task was, it was worth the doing and I am glad to have had my part in the making of the fine organization, which is yours of today. Your Convention must have been splendid.'"

From the business sessions we glean many interesting accomplishments, among which we read: The interest rate charged the borrowing student on Student Loan Funds had been changed from 6% to 3% in conformity with present reduced interest rates; Fifth District for the third time won the prize for most funds contributed; Nettie A. Downey, editor of the Club Woman, was appointed Poet Laureate; over four hundred names had been added to the Foundation Fund Honor Roll for the year; the five cents per capita special fund was placed to the budget for the publishing of the Indiana Federation History; \$8,941.31 was reported as received from the sale of articles made by the blind, and turned over to their industrial board by club women; 47 new clubs in IFC, with total of 666 new members on roster, with 21 new clubs from Indiana, in the General Federation; Tenth District had the greatest net gain in Universal members; Fifth District the most Junior Clubs, and Ninth District the most clubs in Universal membership; 39 Federation Pins sold.

Kathryn Pickett, of the "Indianapolis Star," announced the winners of the Tenth Annual Program Building Contest, sponsored by this paper and conducted by Harriette K. Sparks, as follows: Ladies' Round Table, Bedford; Woman's Club, North Manchester; Research Club, Greentown.

The prize for the best one-act play went to Mrs. L. M. Millikan, Research Club, Indianapolis. Mrs. E. H. Katterhenry, State Chairman of Poetry, announced Frances Bowles, of the Gary College Club, as the

winner for the best poem, with "This for Remembrance." Mrs. Don Williams, Columbus, was second, with her sonnet "Lambs in Spring."

Fifty dollars was allowed from Penny Art Fund for prizes to be used at the summer Salon, at Lake Wawasee; 11th District had the largest increase in these funds; \$100 was placed at Indiana University by the Fine Arts Department, Penny Art Fund Division, to be known as "Mary Q. Burnet Art Student Fund," to which the 7th District added \$10 in her honor also. Miss Eloise Wilson, Wabash, Penny Art Fund Chairman, reported 780 clubs had contributed to this Fund. Eighth District was awarded the prize in the song contest.

Fine Arts Department of the Indianapolis Department Club won the painting, "Gloucester Fishermen," by Selfridge; second went to Peru Art Club, "Swinging Alone," by Elba Riffe; third, Overbeck Pottery, went for the second year to the Delphian Club of Rushville. Five dollar prize for the best program devoted to the study of literature went to the Elite Club of Linton.

In the news-writing contest, the winners were as follows: Mrs. Perry Davis, Columbus; Mrs. E. N. Showalter, Brookville; Mrs. Emmett Tull, Lebanon, for county news writing. For club news writing, the prizes were awarded: Mrs. Emma Penrod Norris, Loogootee; Mrs. Fred Colby, Sheridan; Mrs. M. L. Thompson, Lafayette.

Mrs. Willis Love announced prize winners for the American Citizenship Department. First to Mrs. Frank Brown, 13th District, for the greatest number of program hours, and second to Mrs. Mary E. Blind, of the 10th District. Henry County, 1st District, was first, Mrs. Bessie Harvey, and Parke County, of the 5th District, was second. Mrs. George Russell reported Gary as "practically cleaned of obscene literature."

The Ten Commandments had been placed in 909 schools in the state, reported the American Home Department Chairman, and to Mrs. U. B. Bynum, of Newberry, went the prize for winning "Home" poem.

"The Child Friendship program received much recognition from other states, and no material was more eagerly sought than this which Mrs. Boys (Florence Reddick) sent in such quantities, at her expense, to Miami, Florida."

The Convention closed with the introduction of the newly-elected officers: Mrs. George W. Jaqua, First Vice President; Mrs. William I. Ellison, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren, Treasurer; Miss Louise Klingler, Trustee.

"Thus," concludes Mrs. Balz, "we came to the half-way mark in this administration, took a long look back to recapitulate, then turned for the forward look in which we complete our plans of Federation promotion."

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Indiana Federation of Clubs

FRENCH LICK, 1937

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“OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROGRESS”

The Forty-eighth Annual Convention of the Indiana Federation of Clubs convened in the French Lick Springs Hotel, May 25, 26, 27, 1937.

Mrs. Norris Ray, Bedford, Third District President, and the official hostess, gave greetings of welcome, with the response by Mrs. Claude S. Steele, Knox, Second Vice President. “Mrs. Ray,” writes Mrs. Balz, “was a charming and most effective hostess, and was ably assisted by her District Committee Chairman. Mrs. George R. Dillinger, Corresponding Secretary of IFC, French Lick, was the local hostess.

“Much of change had gone into the work of the Federation during the year just past, which was to make for a finer Federation for the coming year. The renascence of the Club Woman, the printed programs of the department chairman, placed in the hands of club women needing them; the District Projects so splendid in their results; the Fine Arts Festivals; the revival of interest in New Harmony; the work being done upon the compilation of our Indiana Federation of Clubs History; each brought its definite quota of interest to the club women, with the result that the Convention just closed had been the largest ever held by the Indiana Federation, and club women went home eager to have greater part in its activities during the coming year.

“With the close of the convention, the President, Vice Presidents and Secretaries began work upon the compilation of the Year Book, re-organizing many of the committees to more nearly conform with those of the General Federation. The cover was cleared of decoration, bringing it to current styles as had been the Convention program (which carried only a picture of the Old Fauntleroy Home) and the Club Woman as well. On September first, the Year Book was in the mails, and one hundred copies (to be used by officers and committee women) for the first time carried the new spiral binding, which made the book so much more usable. Miss Hobbs, Chairman of Trustees, made this recommendation.

“For the second time the Department Chairmen began the compilation of their programs in book form, for the convenience of club women, and for better promotion of Federation programs, since last year’s innovation had been pleasing. This year Mrs. Claude S. Steele, Second Vice President, and Mrs. Balz attended the District Conventions together, Mrs. Steele speaking for Federation Extension. At the close of the year, Mrs. Steele was able to report seventy-six new clubs for Federation. Mrs. Balz asked again for the two-part program as a definite means of effective accomplishment. She urged all officers and Department and Division Chairmen where they could do so, to attend these District Conventions, making their contributions to the program, meeting their committee women and giving helpful information.

CLUB WOMAN SUPPLEMENT

"On the third Sunday in November appeared the first annual Club Woman Supplement to the 'Indianapolis Sunday Star.' It carried twenty-four pages devoted exclusively to Indiana Federation activities, with much space devoted to the General Federation as well. There was more of information concerning all phases of Federation work," writes Mrs. Balz, "in this supplement than had ever before been carried in any single issue of an Indiana newspaper. It carried a wealth of information which will make it a valuable reference for many years to come.

"Through the generosity of the 'Star,' ten copies were sent to each club in the State Federation. A copy went to each GFWC officer, department chairman, division and committee head; to each state President and Director, and to the President of every foreign club as well, which had membership in GFWC. Truly the news of the Indiana Federation went circling the globe, and in the next few weeks and months, many letters came from club women concerning this Club Woman Supplement. 'This is the best piece of Federation publicity which has come to our attention recently, came from GFWC Secretary Mrs. John S. Harvey. Mrs. Lawson wrote: 'Your supplement contains a wealth of valuable information, and I think you have done an outstanding piece of work in getting out this edition. May I thank you for the attention you have given to the General Federation . . . and for the mention of the National Academy of Public Affairs . . . ' Dr. William Lowe Bryan, President of Indiana University, wrote: 'The women's clubs of Indiana, from those founded in the wilderness by women of culture down to the great company of clubs which constitute the Indiana Federation of Clubs, are a part of this history of our state, in which we take a just pride.'"

This supplement was edited by Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, who for so many years has edited a Federation page in the 'Sunday Star,' and by Mrs. Balz, with whom plans for this supplement had been worked out during the summer.

Said the President in this issue: "Greetings to the club women of the Indiana Federation of Clubs upon this auspicious occasion, the occasion of the first annual Club Woman Supplement to the 'Indianapolis Sunday Star.'

"We are proud indeed of the confidence placed in us by Indiana's greatest morning daily paper. We value and are proud of this opportunity to express the many ways in which we have served our State. Through our two-part program, a program of study and of practical, specific project demonstration, we are endeavoring to give a better accounting of the time, the money, the thought, which is being spent upon our women's clubs.

"We count it a very great privilege to have had part in creating this supplement, for we have learned to know that we must 'tell it with type' if it is to become known at all.

"To this paper, which gives so generously of its space and of its staff for the promotion of our activities, we would say a very sincere 'Thank you.'"

MRS. MEREDITH PASSES AWAY

"On December 10th, our beloved Honorary President, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, passed away. She but 'stepped through the door in the garden wall,' we believe, entering into a world of larger endeavors. We attended the service for her in her home at Lafayette, but were unable to have part in Purdue University's Memorial for her in January, being en route to the General Federation Board Meeting in Washington, but delegated our First Vice President, Mrs. George W. Jaqua, to represent our Federation there, which she graciously did."

MEMORIAL FOR PAST PRESIDENTS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mrs. E. C. Rumpler conducted the Memorial Hour, paying tribute to Mrs. Meredith, Mrs. Joseph Swain, President of the Indiana Union in 1899, and Mrs. George F. Felts, President in 1901. Also for Mrs. A. W. Roach, Recording Secretary 1918-1920; Mrs. R. A. Ogg, Recording Secretary 1914-1916, and Mrs. T. J. Brooks, Treasurer 1923-1925.

NEW HARMONY HISTORIC MEMORIAL

"For many years club women have had great interest in the little town of New Harmony, chiefly because of our Old Fauntleroy Home there. The historic aspects of this town, of which I had known long before I became a club woman, had always made great appeal to me. Talking with Mr. Ross F. Lockridge, Chairman of the Federal Writers' Project in Indiana, on whose Committee I was serving, and being distressed to learn that business encroachment threatened one of the historic buildings there, I suggested that we ask the State to take over these quaint historic old buildings of such great import, and maintain them as an historic memorial to those men and women who had made New Harmony the historic spot that it is. This met with instant approval from Mr. Lockridge, who made immediate engagement with M. Clifford Townsend, then Governor-elect, to meet with us in New Harmony on December 17, that we might make this request officially. Asking Mrs. Edmund Burke Ball of Muncie, who has for so long been interested in the Home, to journey down to New Harmony with me, we met Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Chairman of the Old Fauntleroy Home, and Mrs. Arthur Jaquess, President of First District, there by invitation, and with Miss Fauntleroy we attended the evening meeting in the

historic old Tavern, presenting to Mr. Townsend our petition, which was most graciously received.

"Very soon after assuming office, Governor Townsend created The New Harmony Memorial Commission, of seven members, to study this plan and to bring recommendations to the 1939 Legislative Assembly, for the carrying forward of this Memorial. The members of that Commission were: Mr. Ross F. Lockridge; Mrs. Frederick G. Balz; Mrs. Edmund B. Ball; Miss Helen Elliott, of New Harmony and Indianapolis; Mrs. Lewis Taylor, Evansville; Mr. Carl Mullen, Hammond; Mr. C. P. Clark, New Harmony. No finer task has been undertaken, I believe, in many years, than this memorialization of the splendid thinking which produced a culture here in southern Indiana, which was to influence not only the remainder of our state but the nation as well. (Just before this History went to the printer, the 1939 Legislature passed a bill appropriating \$140,000 for this work which was to be completed in four years.)

COMPLETION OF OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME MAINTENANCE FUND

"While in New Harmony for the above," writes Mrs. Balz, "Mrs. Ball and I were the house guests of Miss Fauntleroy. We discussed plans for completing the \$10,000 maintenance fund for the Home, which the Federation had pledged to raise at the time of purchase, and which had been but partially completed, about \$5,500 being still needed. Upon the return from this trip, Mrs. Ball sent to me, in the name of the Indiana Federation, a check for \$5,000 to be applied toward the completion of this fund, and to be given in honor of Miss Fauntleroy, who has done so much to keep alight the fires of memory, preserving much from those former days. Upon presentation of this check at the next board meeting of IFC, Miss Hobbs, Chairman of Trustees, moved that additional funds be taken from the checking account to complete the fund. This was done.

"Miss Evelyn Mess, Indianapolis artist, was sent to New Harmony to make etchings of the OFH for the Federation, these to be used as illustrations in various publications of IFC. These etchings are eagerly purchased by interested club women and are used upon post cards. Two sets of the etchings were given at the French Lick Convention to Mrs. Lawson, GFWC President, for Headquarters, and two went to Mrs. Balz, outgoing President, who had planned for these etchings with Mrs. Van Dyke, Art Chairman."

GOLDEN RAIN TREE FESTIVAL

"With the appointment of the New Harmony Memorial Commission, New Harmony citizens went forward with plans for a great Golden Rain Tree Festival of state-wide appeal, a pageant through

which they might depict the history of New Harmony, thus giving publicity to the project. Every citizen of the town had some part in it. Hearing of these plans as we attended a Commission meeting in New Harmony, Mrs. Ball authorized the filming (in color) of the pageant, presenting the finished films, with projector and screen to the Indiana Federation, for the use of clubs in the promotion of the Old Fauntleroy Home, and for the use of the New Harmony Memorial Commission in furtherance of its memorialization project. The last chapter of the film shows Miss Fauntleroy in the garden showing its treasures to Mr. George Duss, last survival of the Rappites, first inhabitants of New Harmony, and to Mr. and Mrs. Balz. (See Old Fauntleroy Home.)

"During the year, Mr. George A. Ball, of Muncie, authorized the writing of a book on the history of the Old Fauntleroy Home and New Harmony, by Mr. Ross F. Lockridge, the proceeds from this book to be turned to the upkeep of the home, and the copyright to become the property of the Federation when the book is printed.

"At the mid-winter board meeting of the GFWC, in January, Indiana was represented by only Mrs. Balz and Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, illness detaining Mrs. McWhirter and Mrs. Hicks. It was at this meeting that Mrs. Lawson brought forth her resolution upon the sancity of treaties, showing as always the bigness of her vision. All Washington was busy with preparations for the second inauguration of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

"We came home through heavy rains and at the time of our own January Advisory Board meeting realized that we were in the midst of the worst flood that we of the Ohio River Valley have ever known. Thousands of homes were demolished, and many, many of our own club members were without shelter. Immediately at the close of this meeting, we tendered to the Governor, as state Federation President, and to the Adjutant General, in charge of relief work, the services of our organization, giving the names of key women in each community. The women at once organized for collecting and distributing food and clothing, for services as cooks and nurses, and thus our club women gave great assistance through this tragedy." Fifty dollars was voted for this flood relief by IFC Board while in session.

INDIANA'S HOUSING LAW

"During the January-February sessions of the Legislative Assembly, for the first time in several years, we found the Indiana Housing Law, written many years ago, largely by and through the efforts of Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, a club woman of southern Indiana, subject to attack. After many, many days of work, calling and attending committee meetings, consulting with architects, advising with legislators and various interested persons, Mrs. John W. Thornburgh, Chairman of Legislation, and I had the satisfaction of seeing the sessions closed with this law still intact."

THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Among the revisions presented by the Chairman of Revisions, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, was one providing for a Third Vice President: "... who shall be a member of a Junior club or of a Junior department of a Senior club." To Mrs. Harold Zanger, of Winamac, 11th District, went the honor of being elected to this office—the first Third Vice President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs.

WE TAKE A POLL

Mrs. Balz writes: "At the request of Mrs. Lawson, President of GFWC, we took a poll in the Indiana Federation. It was suggested that each state President take a poll of the opinion of the club women of her state upon the Supreme Court recommendations of President Roosevelt, 'For the reorganization of the Court.' This we in Indiana did. This question was being written about in every issue of every newspaper, and Mrs. Lawson wished a woman's vote upon the subject. Postcards were sent to each club in IFC by the Legislative Chairman, and for several weeks this question was studied and discussed. In true Federation spirit, speakers representing both fields of thought were brought before clubs, and one by one the club women began to send in their vote, other club programs being suspended while this study was in progress.

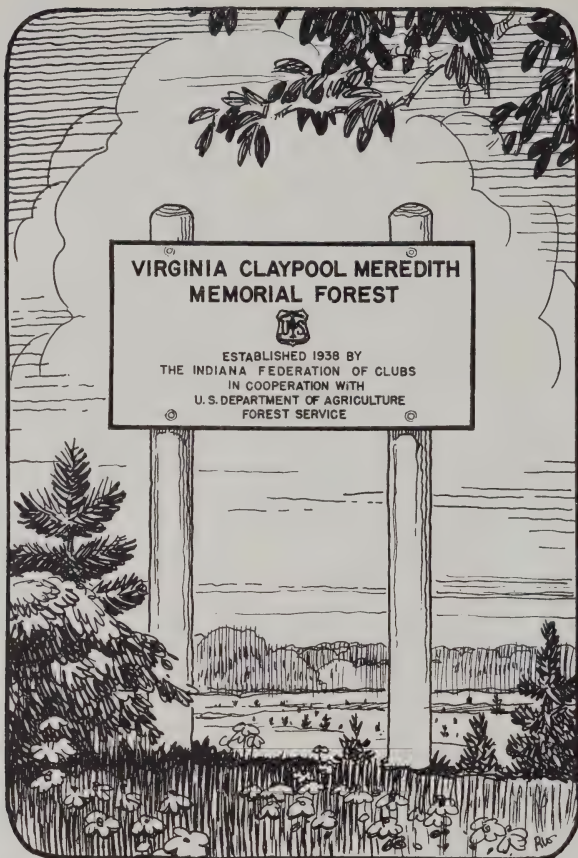
"Regardless of what the findings upon this particular issue may be," wrote Mrs. Balz, "this opportunity given to the club women of the United States to poll the field of women and to take a vote representing woman's voice alone, is history making. The report for Indiana was as follows:

438 clubs voted.
13,258 women voted.
10,304 voted against the President's recommendation.
2,954 voted for it.

"Copies of the findings were sent to each of our Senators and Representatives in Washington, and also to GFWC Headquarters, bringing thanks and commendation from Mrs. Lawson."

MEREDITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

"As her last recommendation to the Board, prior to the Forty-Eighth Annual Convention, Mrs. Balz asked that a memorial library be established at Purdue University, honoring Mrs. Meredith, and that \$200 be set aside for the purchase of such books as IFC might wish to buy at this time. She recommended that these books be upon subjects of special interest to women in whose field Mrs. Meredith had pioneered, and that they be held subject to the use of women students in the University."



FEDERATION FOREST

Mrs. Balz also recommended the planting of a Federation Forest—the first in Indiana—upon Federal grounds, and somewhere upon the highway south of Indianapolis, and leading to the Old Fauntleroy Home, over which women will be passing from time to time, through the coming years. The site to be chosen by the IFC President and a Committee of her appointing, with the Supervisor of Federal Forests in Indiana. This Federation Forest to be known as the VIRGINIA CLAYPOOL MEREDITH FEDERATION FOREST, and to be a memorial to her who pioneered in so many of woman's fields, chief among which was the woman's club movement in Indiana.

At the close of the Convention the following year, Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, president, with a delegation of club women journeyed down to this Forest for the dedication and a marker was placed at the entrance.

"Pre-Convention Conservation tours had been arranged under the direction of H. P. Brandner, Supervisor of Indiana Federal Forests, by Mrs. Balz, in order that the club women might see the need of the replanting of these rain-washed hills, such as would be done in the Meredith Memorial Forest. Miss Margaret March-Mount of the U. S. Forestry Service assisted with these tours."

"The theme of this Convention, 'Our Responsibility for Progress,' is not just a catchy phrase idly used," said Mrs. Balz, "it is a statement around which our entire program has been built, with the hope of assisting you with preparation of your future club programs."

"That old Hebrew adage, 'Men make the roads; women teach little children's feet how to walk,' is still largely true but it is with a much wider horizon of information and knowledge that we come to the study of the questions perplexing us today, as we ask wherein we have failed in 'teaching little children's feet how to walk.'"

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Commenting on the program, Mrs. Balz said: "We were honored in having Governor and Mrs. Townsend as guests, the Governor speaking upon the opening evening's program. Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, GFWC President, was the speaker upon the last evening's program, and her subject was 'Do Club Women Give or Receive?' Mrs. Lawson, regally beautiful in her American Beauty dinner dress, with hem-length cape of self-material, orchids to match, walked straight into the hearts of our club women."

Other speakers were Mrs. Walter Seymour, formerly from Indiana, Second Vice President, and Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, both of whom were candidates for First Vice President of GFWC. Mrs. Whitehurst said: "One of the major objectives of every woman's club should be to stop crime at its source. We never can hope to prevent crime until we recreate faith in religion." "Immediately," says Mrs. Balz, "Mrs. Whitehurst, who made great appeal to club women through her broad and brilliantly presented program, was booked for a solid month of speaking engagements in Indiana." Other speakers were: Mrs. Edward Hammett, Chairman of Safety, GFWC; former Senator James E. Watson; Mr. Homer L. Chaillaux; Dr. Vern Harvey; Miss Ruth DeYoung, of "The Chicago Tribune"; Professor Robert E. Burke; Lou Tate; Bertita Harding; Miss Lucile Calvert. Mr. Ross Lockridge, assisted by Capt. C. F. Hubbard, of Indianapolis, gave an illustrated lecture on New Harmony.

There was a Symposium on "My Club and My Community;" an Institute, conducted by Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Chairman of Juniors, on

"The Youth Movement In America;" a Forum, conducted by the Legislative Chairman, Mrs. John L. Thornburgh, on "News and Views of Legislation."

BUSINESS SESSIONS

We read from the minutes that Indiana has a gain of 3% plus in membership in GFWC; 76 new clubs with 768 members were accepted into IFC; 21,828 members are listed in the roster of IFC of that date. Indiana ranks third among six states in amount raised for Foundation Fund with \$2,368.33; the five cents special fund was again allotted to the publishing of the Indiana Federation History. On the vote to reconsider time of state Convention, the result was 251 for spring, and 248 for fall. Changing the length of the administration term in IFC to coincide with GFWC, three years, failed to pass, but was to pass when presented at the next Convention.

CONTESTS

In the Indianapolis Star Contest, first prize of \$8 went to Mrs. Herman Jones, New Castle; second of \$5, to Lucile J. Hill, Fairmount; third of \$3, to Mrs. H. G. Gantz, Worthington.

Mrs. George A. Van Dyke presented prizes to the following in the Penny Art Fund Contest: first, for scrap books to Woman's Department Club, Indianapolis; second, to Woman's Study Club, Clay City; third, Peru Art Club. For greatest percentage of increase in art work, the first prize went to Mrs. John Fortner, 5th District; an etching of Old Fauntleroy Home to Mrs. Livingood, of 9th District. For the best art program, the prize went to Mrs. T. H. Norman, Mishawaka Woman's Club.

The Lenba ESO Club, of Mooreland, Henry County, has the distinction of being the only 100% pin-wearing club in the state. Forty-three pins were sold, reported Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis, Pin Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

Among the resolutions we read: Discontinuance of "strip mining;" establishing of National Academy of Public Affairs; study problems of social hygiene; endorsed New Harmony Memorial; urged proper celebration of our national holidays; true Americanism; safety; universal finger printing; favored merit system.

Mrs. Horace F. Campbell reported 535 registered, with 528 votes cast and Mrs. Edwin I. Poston elected President.

"Only one real disappointment had come during this administration," writes Mrs. Balz, "and that was the failure of the plans for an Institute on Housing and Home Making at Purdue University, which had been announced at the January Board meeting. This had been

planned for the time when Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt would visit the University, but because the housing units were not completed at that time the plan had to be abandoned. Many state Federations were holding large Institutes upon the campus of their Universities and we had hoped to follow their lead in this.

"There is not room in this article," concludes Mrs. Balz, "for even mention of much of the fine work accomplished by many fine women during this administration. As I look back, seeing all of the earnest women, not the President, who accomplished all that has been done, I see again and remember the generous support of Past Presidents, officers, committee women, newspaper women, and club friends. I remember too the sustaining force of our beloved friend, Mrs. McWhirter. I feel humbled before the thought of all that I had hoped to do but have not, remembering, however, that—

There is no conquest all complete;
No stopping place for human feet,
No final goal.

Onward and onward we ascend
And none of us can see the end
Of Glory's scroll.

But small and trivial is the past,
It is the future that is vast!"

—Nancy Miller Marshall

At the close of the Forty-Eighth Annual Convention, presenting the newly elected President, Mrs. Balz said: "We have closed an administration in the Indiana Federation of Clubs. We begin another, which will be greater than any former one has been, if we will but build upon that broader, surer foundation of knowledge and understanding of the real meaning of this great woman's organization, which is ours today.

"Just as great as you and I will help to make it will be this new administration, under the direction of our new President. I present Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, President-elect."



Bertha K. Poston

INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

PRESIDENT ELECT, 1938-1939

BERTHA K. POSTON (MRS. EDWIN L.) MARTINSVILLE

Addressing the Convention, Mrs. Poston said: "Mingled thoughts of humility and gratitude come to me as I stand before you tonight as your new President. In the lines of Sara Teasdale's poem, 'The Coin,' may I say what is in my mind and heart.

Into my heart's treasury
I slipped a coin
That time cannot take
Nor a thief purloin.
Oh, better than the minting
Of a gold-crowned king
Is the safe-kept memory
Of a lovely thing.

"Your vote of confidence in me will ever be the 'safe-kept memory of a lovely thing.'

"I believe that women should participate in public affairs, and that they should feel a responsibility for citizenship and take an interest in local, state, and national government. Let our projects be practical and definite, some of which must be safety, character education and citizenship in our schools, club extension, continued effort in the completion of our Federation Forest.

"Remember the power of the Federation behind you is always greater than the human task before you. With your cooperation, and the help of Divine guidance, nothing is impossible as we go forward to greater fields of service."

THE THIRTEEN DISTRICTS
OF THE
INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS
WITH
PICTURES OF EARLY PRESIDENTS



Mrs. Helen M. Baumgaertner, Rockport

FIRST DISTRICT

The First District where the Female Social Society and Minerva Club were formed and where is located the OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME, shrine for Indiana club women.

The Woman's Club movement that swept the country in the last half of the 19th century found a permanent foothold in Southern Indiana. As early as 1825 there is mention in a local paper of a notice of a postponed meeting of the Female Social Society in New Harmony, and in 1859 in that same town the historic Minerva Club was organized by Miss Constance Owen Fauntleroy. (See early clubs.)

When the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs divided the state into club districts, corresponding to the then congressional districts, and in 1905 when they held their convention in Vincennes, Mrs. M. W. Thiele of Evansville was appointed the first chairman of the First District. Mrs. Thiele was succeeded by Mrs. Alexander Lemcke, Evansville, who served for 1906-1908. However, in 1890 the District was represented in the organization of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs by the Evansville Ladies' Literary Club.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING

The first District meeting was held in Evansville, March, 1909, for the purpose of organizing a District Federation. Clubs from Mt. Vernon, Rockport, Boonville, Princeton and Evansville were represented and a constitution and by-laws adopted. Mrs. Katherine Daniels of Evansville acted as chairman, as she did at the second convention held in her home city, in April, 1910. Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, State President, was a guest at this second convention.

Fourteen clubs were holding membership in the District when Mrs. Virginia Read, Evansville, held the third convention.

Mrs. Helen M. Baumgaertner presided at the fourth convention, held in Mt. Vernon in 1912, and also at the fifth in Newburg in May, 1913. There was a membership of 400 in the District at that time; ten cents per capita dues were decided upon to defray District expenses; the resolutions endorsed the proposed Child Labor Laws, women on school boards, and Parent-Teacher organizations. Among the guests were Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, State President, and Miss Vida Newsom, Second Vice President.

DISTRICT'S FIRST STATE OFFICER

The next convention, which was the sixth, was held in Boonville, May, 1914, with Mrs. W. J. Torrance as Chairman and Miss Vida Newsom, the new State President. The treasury showed a balance of \$377.55, collected in anticipation of entertaining the State Convention in October at Evansville. At this meeting Mrs. E. A. Torrance was elected State Treasurer, the first State officer from this First District.

The gavel awarded for the greatest number of clubs brought into the State Federation during the year was presented Mrs. W. J. Torrance, as District Chairman. Pike County came into the District and State at this time with two strong clubs, making every County in the District represented.

Mrs. Torrance presided at the seventh convention in Princeton, May, 1915, and it is interesting to note that the First District had paid more dues so far that year than any other.

At the eighth convention in Evansville, April, 1916, the new Chairman was Mrs. Phillip Suddoth, Mt. Vernon, and the new State President Mrs. Carolyn Fairbank, Fort Wayne, welcomed the 65 delegates registered.

FIRST COUNTY MEETING

The ninth convention was held in Owensville, May, 1917, with Mrs. David Rosenbaum, Mt. Vernon, Chairman. The County Federation idea was growing and reports were made by County Chairmen, instead of Club Presidents. To Pike County goes the honor of holding the first County meeting in the District.

Mrs. Edward Lacke, Newburg, served as chairman for the 10th and 11th conventions, 1918 and 1919. Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, State President, attended the 1918 convention. At the 1919 convention in Evansville, Mrs. F. M. Hostetter gave a talk on the Old Fauntleroy Home, and a committee composed of one member from each County in the District, was appointed to investigate its purchase. A memorial hour was held for Mrs. Helen Baumgaertner, former chairman, whose picture heads this article.

\$600 TOWARD PURCHASE OF OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

The twelfth convention was in New Harmony, May, 1929, with Mrs. O. M. Welborn, Princeton, Chairman. This was the largest convention ever held in the District up to that time. Twenty dollars had been sent to each District by the State Secretary, Mrs. Samuel M. Grimes, to help defray expenses of speakers for the District Conventions, the money being part of the interest accruing from the Endowment Fund. --

The movement of the State Federation to purchase the Old Fauntleroy Home was endorsed and pledges to the amount of \$600 were then taken. The State President, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, was a guest, as well as at the 1921 convention held at Petersburg. At this time six new clubs joined the District organization.

OUR STATE PRESIDENT

Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville, Past District Chairman, was elected State President, succeeding Mrs. E. C. Rumpler. (See Mrs. Torrance's administration.)

100% ORGANIZED

The 15th convention was in Rockport, May, 1922, with Mrs. J. S. Boonshot, Petersburg, Chairman, and Mrs. Torrance, State President, and Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Past President of the Indiana Union, as guests. Mrs. Boonshot reported all counties organized during the past year in the order named, Gibson, Posey, Warrick, Spencer, Pike and Vanderburg.

First District was among the first in the State to be 100% organized, and was reported as having one of the best constitutions of any District.

At the 16th convention in Poseyville, May, 1923, Mrs. Boonshot reported the Department Chairmen had been appointed in the counties as well as the District; 19 new clubs added, and the gavel again awarded the District Chairman. In October, 1923, the District entertained the State Convention in Evansville.

Mrs. C. V. Halbruge, Rockport, was District Chairman for 1924-1925. The 17th convention in 1924 was at Boonville, and over 500

club women registered, including the State President, Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, and Mrs. Rumppler, GFWC Director. At the 18th convention in Evansville Mrs. Pittinger reported on the GFWC Council meeting, which had been held in West Baden and in which the First District had had an active part.

Mrs. Louis Fox, Mt. Vernon, was District Chairman for 1926-1927. At the 19th convention at Princeton, two scholarships were given by the District—one to Oakland City College and one to Evansville College. Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, State President, and Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, State Second Vice President, were guests at both these conventions, and over 300 women were registered.

Mrs. A. J. Hopkins, Boonville, was Chairman when the 21st convention was held at Newburg, 1928, and at the 22d convention in Petersburg in April, 1929. The new State President, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, was a guest, and with Mrs. Curtis Hodges, Indianapolis, urged attendance at the Biennial at San Antonio, Texas, in support of Mrs. Edward Franklin White's candidacy for the GFWC presidency.

The 23d convention in Rockport, 1930, and the 24th in Boonville, 1931, were presided over by Mrs. H. R. Whitelock, Petersburg. The State President, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru, and several State officers were guests.

Miss Fern Wood, Evansville, was Chairman for the 25th convention in New Harmony, March, 1932, with 207 in attendance, and at the 26th in Princeton in 1933, with 307 in attendance. Among the guests were Mrs. Edward N. Canine, State President; Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Second Vice President, and Mrs. J. S. Boonshot, State Trustee.

Depression strikes clubs as well as business. The 27th convention at Evansville, 1934, Mrs. Ernest Bryant, Patoka, Chairman, was the smallest ever held in the District. The following year, 1935, 74 club women were present for the 28th convention, with Mrs. Bryant again serving as Chairman. Two State Presidents attended these conventions—Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City, at Evansville, and due to a shortened term for the State officers, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz was State President when the convention met in Boonville. A resolution protested the method of mining called "strip mining."

The 29th convention, Mrs. Arthur E. Jaquess, Poseyville, Chairman, was in Owensville, October, 1936, to conform to the change in time of conventions in the state. Mrs. Balz, with several State officers, were guests, and the registration had increased to 148.

In this brief outline of the history of the First District it has been possible to mention only a few of the women who have contributed to its growth and success. Many club women have carried on the work through the various Departments and Committees, and to these, also, should go much credit and praise for work well done.



Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington

Fort Wayne Woman's Club

SECOND DISTRICT

"The object of the Second District Federation shall be to bring into mutual relations the various clubs of the District in order to combine their influence and power in civic, social and educational matters as endorsed by the Indiana Federation of Clubs."

This object has been consistently before the clubs for thirty years.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

1906-1937

- Mrs. E. B. Hyatt, Washington.
- Mrs. Chas. McCord, Vincennes.
- Mrs. Joseph R. Voris, Bedford.
- Mrs. I. O. Price, Linton.
- Miss Dorothy Cunningham, Martinsville.
- Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Bloomington.
- Mrs. E. Lyhan, Washington.
- Mrs. W. H. Williams, Camby.

Mrs. A. M. Beasley, Linton.
Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes.
Mrs. T. J. Landen, Bloomington.
Mrs. Carl Anderson, Spencer.
Mrs. Frank J. Kapps, Vincennes.
Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Martinsville.
Mrs. Herbert H. Sloan, Worthington.
Mrs. W. R. Nesbit, Sullivan.
Mrs. R. L. McIntosh, Washington.
Mrs. Aline Oliphant, Bruceville.
Mrs. Earl R. White, Worthington.
The incoming President is Mrs. R. O. Cramer, Sullivan.

OUR STATE PRESIDENT

Of the outstanding women of the District, up to this time, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle ranks highest, both because she has served capably as State President, and also because of the Hoosier Program Bureau, for the marketing of talent. She says, ". . . it is the biggest and most important work" that she has ever done.

Another outstanding woman is Mrs. Robert E. Burke, well known for many years as State Reciprocity Chairman. Each year she gives delightful art talks at the exhibits in Steele Memorial Gallery at Indiana University, to which we are invited.

Serving in the State organization this year are Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, Chairman of Institutes; Mrs. A. G. Rose, Chairman of Radio; Mrs. E. H. Katterhenry, Chairman of Poetry. Mrs. R. L. McIntosh is Secretary of Alpha Chapter, Epsilon Sigma Omicron.

STUDENT LOANS

The total amount given in Student Loans by the District direct is \$351, and from the counties is \$851. These have been given to Indiana University, Purdue University, Vincennes University, DePauw and State Teachers' College.

When Hazel McGee Bowman, Odon, was Chairman of Literature, she compiled a Literary Survey of all talent, and had a folder printed for distribution. Mrs. Bowman later became State Chairman of Poetry and wrote the resolutions, and otherwise made it possible for the Indiana Federation to have a Poet Laureate. Her work has appeared in 21 publications and in nine anthologies of verse.

The annual Art Festival has been established as another District project. This year we are stressing Ethical Training and Safety Education. A District scrap book, the first of its kind in the District, is being compiled by the County Presidents.

The clubs have combined their influence and power in promoting sales for the blind and the Memorial Fund for blind women has grown

to \$55 in two years. We have kept in step with the Penny Art Fund and the Foundation Fund. Fifty-one names appear to date on the Foundation Fund Honor Roll. Sullivan County honored Mrs. W. R. Nesbit of Sullivan by placing her name thereon.

Our IFC Club Woman Magazine subscriptions number 250, with ten clubs on the Honor Roll of 100%, as follows: Woman's Club, Sandborn; Mutual Improvement Circle, Odon; Semper Paratis, Bicknell; Linton Study Club; Home Makers' Club, Bloomfield; Wednesday Reading Club, Bloomfield; Arion Club, Switz City; Social and Benevolent Club, Lyons; Tuesday Afternoon Club, Lyons; Beta Delphian, Jasonville.

One of our gifted musicians, Mrs. Wayne Hamilton, wrote and sang the song, "The Loveliest Lady I Know," dedicated to Mrs. Edwin I. Poston, at the District Convention, October, 1936, held at Washington. Mrs. Poston is a candidate for the office of President of IFC.

THE LOVELIEST LADY I KNOW

By Mrs. Wayne Hamilton

Would I could breathe a message in song,
To be wafted by breezes that blow,
To the heavens above, I would sing of my love
For the loveliest lady I know.
Her smiles are the roses that bask in the dew,
Her eyes are the dawn's early glow,
Her charms are entrancing, her beauty enhancing,
She's the loveliest lady I know,
The loveliest lady I know.

You may search for her kind, but you never will find
Quite so lovely a creature I know,
Her heart is a treasure, her love without measure,
Will follow where'er she may go.
Her beauty of thought, what joy it has brought
The loveliest lady I know.
Her manner inspiring, just keeps me admiring
The loveliest lady I know,
The loveliest lady I know.

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Our District song, written by Marjory Titus Greene, was dedicated to Mrs. Carrie Humphreys, who has been outstanding in every office she has held in the Federation.

Our clubs have won several awards in the "Indianapolis Star's" Contests. Mrs. Emma Norris, Loogootee, and Mrs. Haney Gantz, Worthington, have each won first prizes for club reports. For program building, the following have gained success: Wednesday Reading Club, Bloomfield; Mutual Improvement Circle, Odon; The Woman's Club, Sullivan; Worthington Study, Twentieth Century, Worthington. The last named won second in the Triennial contest sponsored by Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, Frankfort, Chairman of Program Building in GFWC.

Our Universal clubs number 36, Affiliate 14, and Junior 7. (See Year Book for names of clubs.)

CLUB HOUSES

The Second District has two club houses. The Vincennes Fortnightly Club, Vincennes, has the honor of being the first woman's club in the state to own their own home. The Pollyanna Home Economics Club of Morgan County, Martinsville, purchased and remodeled an abandoned school, and now are proud to own one of the few club houses in Indiana. (See Indiana Club Houses.)

During the flood in January, 1937, the generous donations to the Red Cross for flood relief by clubs in this District has shown how quickly the federated clubs swing into line for service in time of need. In this response club members were quickened by knowledge that many of their sister club women resided in the flooded area.

The history of each of the eight County Federations proves that the clubs are a constructive force in each community.



Marcia Morris Wilson (Mrs. Thomas J.), Corydon

THIRD DISTRICT

"MARY SHERMAN'S HOUSE PARTY"

It was fitting, indeed, that the Third District should have been the third to organize. This meeting, at which Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, State President, was present, was effected by Miss Marcia Morris (later the wife of Judge Wilson of Harrison County), and was held in New Albany, March 28, 1908. Miss Annette Clark was Secretary.

Saturday afternoon, May 6, 1911, a meeting was held in Jeffersonville, Mrs. Newton H. Myers of that city, District Chairman. Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, State President, submitted a Constitution and By-Laws for the District, which was adopted, and at this meeting officers were elected for the first time.

The following clubs were represented: Current Events, Jeffersonville; Thallo, Fortnightly and Coterie of New Albany; The Ladies of the Round Table, Woman's Club and Matinee Musicale of Bedford, and the One Club, which was not federated.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN

- 1907-08 Miss Marcia Morris, Corydon.
1909-10 Mrs. Lillie Smith, New Albany.
1911-12 Mrs. Newton H. Myers, Jeffersonville.
1913 Mrs. F. A. Ulen, Corydon. (No meeting held.)
1914-15 Mrs. A. Rasmussen, New Albany. (No meeting held.)
1916-18 Mrs. J. A. Taggart, Orleans.
1919-20 Mrs. C. N. Lindley, Salem.
1921-22 Mrs. T. J. Brooks, Bedford.
1923-24 Mrs. W. N. Short, Salem.
1925-28 Mrs. Chas. S. Hartley, New Albany.
1929-30 Mrs. Azro Moss, Orleans.
1931- Mrs. Lelia Robertson, Jeffersonville.
1932 Mrs. Frank Ellis, Jefferson (Vice President.)
1933 Mrs. Fred Densford, Scottsburg.
1934-35 Mrs. George R. Dillinger, French Lick.
1936 Mrs. Norris Ray, Bedford.

The incoming President is Mrs. Walter H. Crim.

GFWC AND STATE OFFICERS

- 1913-14 Federation Secretary, Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford.
Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford, 1907-08 Auditor; 1909-11 Treasurer; 1911-13 First Vice President.
Mrs. Blanche Foster Boruff, Bedford. 1917-19 Recording Secretary;
1924-25 GFWC Friendly Cooperation with Ex-Service Men Committee.
Mrs. T. J. Brooks, Bedford. 1921-25 Treasurer.
Mrs. W. N. Short, Salem. 1923-26 Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Charles S. Hartley, New Albany. 1928-30 Recording Secretary; 1931-33 Treasurer.
Mrs. George R. Dillinger, French Lick. 1935-36 Corresponding Secretary; 1937-39 Second Vice President.

For years Mrs. W. N. Short, Salem, edited the Indiana Club Woman Magazine.

Of the ten counties comprising the Third District, two, Dubois and Perry, have no federated clubs, but the future of Federation is assured because of the interest growing among the Juniors. Already there are eight Junior clubs active.

Four-H and Home Economic Clubs taking work from the Purdue Extension courses are numerous, many are federated with the county organizations and some with the District. The members of these clubs are very active in the Riley Hospital Cheer Guilds.

"BUILDING CONSTRUCTIVELY"

When Mrs. Norris Ray, Bedford, became District President in 1936, she used the slogan—"Building Constructively," and "Education for Cancer Control" was carried out very thoroughly in each county. A later project was the seeking out and encouragement of the development of the arts and crafts. The present project, under the leadership of Mrs. Walter H. Crim, Salem, is "Conservation," and the District ranks high in the number of acres purchased in the "Virginia Claypool Meredith Memorial Forest."

"The Indiana Federation, a constructive force in each community of our State," which was the State Slogan under the administration of Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, graphically portrays what the Third District clubs mean to their respective communities. Active support and co-operation with all worthy local activities, especially playgrounds, hospitals, and making life easier for the needy.

During this past year the Bedford Woman's Department Club has loaned two boys \$50 each for college work, and the Woman's Club of New Albany gave \$50 for a nurse's training, and \$48 for a girl to take a business course.

Library needs are recognized, the Fleur-de-Lis Club of Mitchell gave \$50 for the purchase of books for their local library, and the Woman's Department Club of Bedford donated \$50 for books for its rental shelf, and a radio for the library. A number of years ago the club women of West Baden established a library in a vacant building. With the use of the State Library Service, and gifts from local citizens, it has grown until between three and four hundred books are now in the collection. Through the vision and work of the members of the West Baden Research Club, this great need of their community has been met. The club members take turns acting as librarian.

CLUB HOUSE

In the very small town of Prather, Clark County, a little way from Jeffersonville, is the only club house owned by a woman's club in the Third District. A former frame school building, it has been made into an efficient club house—the Clara Brown Community House—belonging to the Ladies' Union, a club of eighteen members. (See club houses.)

OLDEST CLUB

The District is proud of its oldest club, the Woman's Literary Club of Corydon, organized in 1878, under the name of The Spare Minutes Club. It was organized as a purely literary club and has always retained that character. In 1894 the club name was changed to The Woman's Literary Club, Mrs. Ruth E. Fund is the only surviving charter member, and she is still an active member of the club.

The Third District was the first one to hold a Fine Arts Festival, May 7, 1935, at Bedford, and it was so successful that Fine Arts Festivals have been held each spring since.

Twice this District has been host to the State Convention. In 1931, during Mrs. Edwin F. Miller's administration, the State Convention was held at the West Baden Springs Hotel, the meeting being called "Florence Miller's House Party." Mrs. John F. Sippel, Baltimore, Md., President of the General Federation, was a guest.

Then last spring, May 25-27, 1937, the State Convention was held at the French Lick Springs Hotel. Mrs. Frederick G. Balz was the state President and Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, Oklahoma, President of the General Federation, was the most distinguished speaker.

"MARY SHERMAN'S HOUSE PARTY"

But the most ambitious and most colorful honor that has ever come to the Third District, and which has never come to any of the other Districts of the State, was the GFWC Council Meeting, held at the West Baden Springs Hotel, June 16, 1925. This was during Mrs. O. M. Pittinger's administration. Mrs. John D. Sherman, Colorado, was GFWC President and Mrs. Edward White, Indianapolis, was First Vice President. In welcoming the guests, Mrs. Pittinger said: "In order that we may get closer to you and that there may be greater concentration on the work in hand, we have chosen for our meeting place, not one of our great busy cities with its attractions, but we have preferred to invite you to this peaceful little valley, shut in from the noise outside by the beautiful hills which surround it. Some other time we want to show you our greatness as a state; this time we want to show you one of our beauty spots and our love." (Indiana Club Woman, Sept., Oct., 1925.) Mary Sherman's House Party! And what a glorious party it was!



Mrs. Rose W. Carter, Seymour

FOURTH DISTRICT

The Fourth District has the distinction of being the first District duly organized with Constitution and By-Laws in the State of Indiana.

At the State Convention held in Vincennes, 1905, when it was decided to organize the Congressional Districts, and elect at the annual State Conventions a Vice President from each District represented at the Convention by a federated club, Mrs. Abbie North, of Rising Sun, was elected to represent the Fourth District. Mrs. North was followed by Mrs. Amos W. McEwan, Columbus, and then Mrs. Rose W. Carter was elected at the State Convention, in October, 1907, when Mrs. Sarah Porter Kinsey was state President.

ORGANIZATION

In January of 1908, Mrs. Carter attended the State Council meeting, in Indianapolis, and so great was her enthusiasm that she called a meeting early in February for the purpose of organization. Delegates from six clubs, and invited guests assembled in Seymour to meet Mrs.

Kinsey, and other state officers, and the organization of the Fourth District became assured. The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted March 24, 1908, and Annual Conventions have been held every year since. Mrs. Carter's second Convention was in Aurora, in 1909.

OUR OLDEST CLUB

The Eggleston Club, of Vevay, organized in 1891, had the honor of being the oldest organized club to affiliate with the new District organization. The Eggleston Club joined the Indiana Union in 1898, and the General Federation in 1909, and has been federated continuously ever since.

Miss Ada Fitch, Lawrenceburg, presided at the Columbus Convention in 1910; Mrs. L. W. Cobb of Aurora, at Lawrenceburg in 1911, and Aurora in 1912. Mrs. H. E. Barth, North Vernon, was Chairman for the Convention held in Franklin and Vevay, in 1913 and 1914. It was during Mrs. Barth's administration that the Greensburg Department Club and the Federated Parent-Teachers were added, bringing in 400 new members.

Miss Grace H. Griffith, Vevay, was Chairman in 1915, at the Rising Sun Convention, and at that time Library Extension was stressed. Mrs. Gaylord Crozier, Madison, was President when the Convention was held in Madison in 1916. Mrs. Fanny Rabb Green, Rising Sun, was Chairman for the 1917 Convention in Osgood, and again in Greensburg in 1918. Twenty-eight clubs with 1,091 members were reported. Miss Emma Volland, Columbus, was President at the Convention in Greenwood in 1919.

WAR WORK

In 1920 and 1921, Mrs. John F. Goddard, Greensburg, was Chairman, with Conventions in Seymour and Aurora. All women were agonized over the World War, and war work became the major activity of the club women. Reports were given of a French war orphan supported by the District club women, and another by the Julia L. Dumont Club of Vevay, and of cooperation with the Red Cross everywhere in every kind of war work. The Woman's Research Club, Aurora, reported \$2,500 worth of comfort kits furnished their local boys; 15 memorial Norway Maple trees planted in the city park; Library Extension came more and more into prominence; and the Endowment Fund went "over the top."

MERIT FLAG

In 1922, at the Convention in Columbus, Miss Fanny Foulke, Aurora, Chairman, Miss Vida Newsom presented the District with a "Merit Flag," the awarding of which has resulted in friendly rivalry among the clubs of the District to outstrip their neighbors in club achievements. The Aurora Research Club had the honor of being its

first recipient. In 1923, at the Milan Convention, Miss Foulke introduced the sale of goods made by the blind women.

County organizations were stressed during the administrations of Mrs. J. S. Bilby, Osgood, 1924-1925.

At the 1926 Convention, in Vevay, Mrs. H. M. Thiebaud, of Vevay, Chairman, the hostess clubs were two of Indiana's very old clubs, named for two illustrious Indiana authors born at Vevay—The Julia L. Dumont Club, organized in 1886, and the Eggleston Club in 1891. Two more counties were federated, bringing the total to seven. All departments as outlined by the State President were organized in every county except one. Mrs. Thiebaud worked for city and house and grounds beautification, tree planting, and library extension. Her county, Switzerland, gave to the District the slogan—"A Dogwood Tree in Every Club Woman's Yard."

Mrs. R. J. Barbour, Seymour, was Chairman in 1927 and 1928, and Conventions were held in North Vernon and Brownstown. She devoted much time to county organization work, and was rewarded by seeing all the counties federated at the beginning of the next administration. Mrs. Barbour was deeply interested in adult education and one of the high lights of the Convention at Brownstown was an address by Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, on Epsilon Sigma Omicron—"Enlighten Your Own Pathway." The Columbus Culture Club received the first prize in the Star Program Contest, while three other Fourth District clubs received honorable mention.

Mrs. Elmer E. Scott of Madison presided at the Madison Convention in 1929. The District's Student Loan was established. Jackson and Bartholomew Counties had already established loans as had also Mrs. Scott's own club—the Madison Current Events. Art surveys were made.

PRIZE PICTURE

Mrs. Phillip R. Long, of Columbus, was Chairman at the 1930 Convention, in Greensburg. Her club, The Columbus Art League, received the prize picture, "The Bayou," by Wayman Adams, which they had won the third consecutive year, thereby entitling them to own it. Four new Student Loan funds were created, and the District Constitution was revised to incorporate Universal Membership.

OLDEST MOTHER

Mrs. Roscoe Haymond, Columbus, was President, as we now designate our Chairman, and presided over the Conventions at Columbus in 1931, and at Greenwood in 1932. Many Washington Bi-Centennial programs were held, Switzerland County leading in the conservation department, with the planting of 400 trees. Highway beautification was emphasized and "Zinnias in Every Garden" was adopted as a home beautification slogan. Women were urged to offer assistance in the

relief of unemployment. Institutes were beginning their popularity. The oldest mother in the District, Mrs. Martha Parker, of Azalia, 97 years old, was honored at the Greenwood District meeting. In the absence of Mrs. Parker, Miss Evelyn Craig's lovely mother, Mrs. Albert G. Craig, was presented, and a poem was read to her, honoring her as the oldest club mother present. A plaque of Whistler's Mother was presented to Mrs. Parker, two of whose daughters and six granddaughters were club women. The first group of Epsilon Sigma Omicron in the District was organized at Seymour. The roster showed 33 clubs with 1,258 members.

The Seymour Tuesday Club won a place in the Star Program Contest, and the Brownstown Study Club and the Columbus Culture Club won Press and Publicity prizes. In 1932 the Indiana Study Club, of Seymour, won first prize in the program contest, and the Columbus Culture Club won a Press and Publicity prize. Library Extension received especial attention, and four Student Loans were given.

PAGEANT OF SHAWLS

Mrs. Charles Royce, of Versailles, held two Conventions, one in 1933 at Osgood, and one in 1934 at Rising Sun. Much interest was manifested in Art and Music, Art Exhibits having been held in each county. The Child Friendship program grew in popularity. The Art Exhibit held by the Woman's Research Club, of Aurora, planned by Miss Birdie May Smith, State Vice Chairman of Art, was a "Pageant of Shawls," worn by beautiful young women. This was Indiana's contribution to the Congress of Women, held at Music Hall, in Cincinnati, in 1934. The District pledged active support to the Hoosier Program Bureau, and several Junior clubs were organized.

Mrs. Cogley Cole, of Vevay, held her Conventions in Seymour in 1935, and in Milan in 1936. A new District project was launched—that of a tuberculosis hospital—which is progressing under the leadership of Mrs. John Buhner, of Seymour. At the District Art Festival, held at Aurora, Miss Birdie May Smith, Chairman, Harold Stark gave two delightful lectures: "Modern Painting" and "Modern Sculpture," in memory of his mother. The Foundation Fund made a good beginning, and gifts were made to Old Fauntleroy Home. Two Student Loan Funds were given—one named in honor of Mrs. Cole, and given to Purdue, and one in honor of Miss Evelyn M. Craig, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State at the time, and given to Indiana University. Mrs. Perry Davis, of the Azalia Home Study Club, received the prize for the best article in the "Indianapolis Star's" Press and Publicity Contest. The high light of the Convention at Milan was the address of the State President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz.

At the Council meeting, following the Convention held at Milan, Mrs. F. G. Moley, North Vernon, was elected District President, and a new Student Loan Fund was created.

It is impossible to mention all of the fine club women in the District who have made contributions to the State Federation as officers or serving on important committees. Outstanding are Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus (now deceased). (See Miss Newsom's administration). Mrs. John F. Goodard, Greensburg, was Trustee of the State Federation at the time of the purchase of Old Fauntleroy Home, and it was largely through her untiring efforts that the Federation acquired the Home. Her husband gave his services in looking after the legal aspects of the transaction. Mrs. R. J. Barbour, Seymour, served as State President of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, 1933-1934, and also as first National Treasurer of that organization. Mrs. Barbour was the recipient of the District Poetry prize, and her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Barbour Kellam, of the Muncie Composition prize.

Mrs. Estella B. Prince, Brownstown, was twice elected Trustee of IFC. Mrs. Prince's own county, Jackson, had the largest membership of any county in the District, with 28 clubs. Mrs. Roscoe Haymond, of Edinburg (formerly of Columbus), served as State Treasurer (filling the unexpired term of Mrs. Charles S. Hartley) following her term as District President. Miss Evelyn M. Craig, Vevay, served three years as State Trustee. Miss Craig's deep and abiding interest in public libraries brought to the Federation a fine leadership in Library Extension work when she served as District and State Chairman of Library Extension. She is now State Chairman of the Student Loan Funds Committee.

Contributions have been made by the women of the District to many benevolent causes: Riley Hospital, flood sufferers, community charities, Red Cross and Tuberculosis Societies. Hot lunches and milk have been supplied to undernourished school children, libraries have received constant support. Through the initiative of three members of the Eggleston Club, Vevay, the first public library in Indiana, giving service to the entire county, was established in 1917. The Rising Sun Public Library was the direct outgrowth of the activities of the Rising Sun Woman's Club. The District boasts of having seven of the fifteen county unit libraries of the state. Trees, shrubs and flowers have been planted, clean-up campaigns instituted, historical spots marked, and the Julia L. Dumont Club, of Vevay, built a mortuary chapel in a local cemetery. Student Loans to the amount of \$1,000 have been given, the Madison Current Events Club leading with \$325 to Hanover College, and Jackson County Federation following with a fund of \$225.



Mrs. Joseph R. Prewitt, Plainfield

FIFTH DISTRICT

In building a lasting structure, the first consideration and thought is the plan, then with actual building, we begin with the foundation.

The Fifth District had a firm and lasting foundation, but the records are very meager.

For the first meeting of the District, held at Brazil, May 12, 1908, Mrs. A. D. Davis served as Chairman, she having been elected at the state meeting in November, 1907. Then we find no records until 1912, when Mrs. U. O. Cox, Terre Haute, was District Chairman for the Convention at Rockville, with the Current Literature and Woman's Club as hostesses. At the 1913 Convention, held at Newport, an evening session was an innovation.

At the Convention held at Terre Haute in 1914, the high light of the Convention was the address of Juliet V. Strauss, Rockville, who wrote under the name "Country Contributor." A fine memorial to her has been placed in Turkey Run State Park. (See Miss Newsom's administration.)

Mrs. O. E. Adams was the chairman for the 1915 Convention at Plainfield, at which time the Constitution was revised and adopted, and library extension work stressed. Danville had the 1916 Convention. Rural cooperation was a factor, and ways and means for the purchase of Turkey Run were discussed.

At the 1917 Convention, in Brazil, Mrs. J. E. Prewitt, Plainfield, Chairman, the first display and sale of the work of the blind was held.

CONSERVATION

Mrs. S. A. Hazelitt was Chairman in 1918, with the Convention in Terre Haute. "Conservation" was the keynote, and Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, State President, was a guest.

"AMERICANIZATION"

The 1919 Convention, Mrs. W. T. Cheney, Terre Haute, Chairman, was held in Clinton. "Americanization" was the theme, and Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, State President, spoke on "League of Nations," the idea being endorsed by the Convention.

There are no records of the 1920 Convention. In 1921, Rockville was hostess for the Convention, Mrs. Wm. Zeller, Brazil, Chairman, and a record attendance of 300 was reported. The Convention endorsed the movement to plant shade trees along public highways in Indiana as a memorial to our soldiers. The work of the Near East Relief and Salvation Army was also endorsed.

In 1922, Mrs. John S. McFaddin, Rockville, was Chairman for the Convention, held at Danville. Resolutions endorsed Mr. Will S. Hays' action for prohibiting films which tend to lower the morals of the youth of our country.

TWO-DAY CONVENTION

May 1 and 2, 1923, was the first two-day Convention, which was held at Brazil, with Mrs. McFaddin again as Chairman. The untimely death of Mrs. Wm. Zeller, Second Vice President of IFC, brought sorrow in our midst. The idea of purchasing the Fauntleroy Home was explained by Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, State President, and the District endorsed the plan.

"GIRL WEEK"

In 1924, Terre Haute again entertained the Convention. Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Deputy Attorney General, spoke on "Law Enforcement." The District Constitution was revised to correspond with that of the state. "Girl Week," which had its origin in the Fifth District, was endorsed.

The 1925 Convention was held in Clinton, with Mrs. Frank L. Swinehart, Chairman. A cantata by the Women's Choral Society, of

Clinton, and an address by Dr. Robert J. Ale, President of Butler College, featured the session.

Mrs. Arthur Cunningham was Chairman for the 1926 Convention, in Greencastle. Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, State President, urged special attention to the work of each department, so that each woman could find the work most congenial to her taste. The District endorsed the Federation Loan Scholarship, and recommended the establishment of Student Loans by the clubs. The recommendation was also made that a Probation Officer be appointed in each county. All roads led to Turkey Run, for on April 28 and 29, 1927, our District Convention was held there, with Mrs. Cunningham again presiding.

In 1928, Mrs. Frank Donner, Greencastle, held an outstanding Convention at Brazil. Our beloved Mrs. R. A. Ogg, now deceased, spoke on "Why Federate?" The new honor society, Epsilon Sigma Omicron, was endorsed, and Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, State President, spoke on "Enlighten Your Own Pathway." The report showed 72 subscriptions secured for the Club Woman Magazine.

Almost a cloudburst but in spite of the weather, about 300 women attended the Twenty-First Annual Convention, in Clayton, April 9, 1929. Our own Nannie Canine, First Vice President of the state, was a guest, and the State President, Mrs. Hinkle, spoke of the plan of Universal Membership.

Miss Louise Klingler, Brazil, was Chairman of the 1930 Convention, in Terre Haute. The new State President, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, talked on "Education in Federation," urging all women to make all our influence felt in our Church, our Home, our Schools and Community, and thus strengthen our bonds, as it includes all that makes life rich and lovely. Miss Klingler was again chairman when the Convention was held in Clinton, in 1931. Depression was upon us, but the club spirit of the Fifth District was undaunted. Mrs. Miller was again with us, as President of IFC. Our District this year had an outstanding candidate for the office of President of IFC, Mrs. Nannie Canine (Mrs. Edwin F.), and resolutions endorsing her candidacy were unanimously adopted.

OUR STATE PRESIDENT

Mrs. A. C. Benson was Chairman of the 1932 Convention, at Greencastle. Happy indeed were all the women, for Mrs. Canine, State President, was with us and her address was "Obtaining Our Objectives." A resolution was adopted asking clubs to strengthen their programs on American Citizenship, and to work actively that all American ideals be held sacred for the coming generation. Mrs. Benson was again Chairman at the 1933 Convention, held at Turkey Run, in April. Six state officers were in attendance, and Mrs. Canine's address, "Conserving Our Real Values," stressed the spiritual side of life,

The 1934 Convention at Brazil in April was presided over by Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Perrysville. Music was featured, and the Hoosier Ensemble, of Terre Haute, delighted all with their selections. Mrs. Canine as GFWC Director, was a guest. A committee was appointed to meet with the State Highway Commission, to ask for the preservation of Shady Lane. In 1935 the Convention was held at Danville, with an attendance of 300. There were splendid reports with our District winning prizes from the state, and each department functioning splendidly. Mrs. Johnson presented Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, the new State President, whose address was "Our Federation, What Shall We Make of It?"

Terre Haute entertained the 1936 Convention in October. The address of the Honorable John Fitzgerald, "The Constitution From a Layman's Viewpoint," was broadcast from our local radio station—WBOW.

The District is proud of the honors conferred by the state. Many have been officers in the state federation and reflected credit on the District. We had such inspiration as Mrs. R. A. Ogg, whose life was a benediction to all of us; Mrs. Juliet V. Strauss, who made a name for herself in the literary world. We have yet with us, Mrs. Frank Donner, Greencastle, and Mrs. A. O. Benson, who have so faithfully served the District and State; Miss Louise Klingler, whose enthusiasms and interests have meant much to the District, and who is now a State Trustee, and had served two years as Treasurer of the state; Mrs. Hugh Banta; Mrs. W. A. Johnson, who is a past State Chairman of Juniors; Mrs. Fred Lucas; Mrs. Lafayette Le Van Porter, who has made International Relations a regular part of our programs, and who has served as State Chairman of that committee. Our publicity has been, for more than twenty years, handled so capably by Anna Bowles Wiley, feature writer of the "Terre Haute Tribune," without whom our club work would not have reached the women it should. Her patience, cooperation and ability to meet all situations has been a real help in promoting all activities.

We have had Art Festivals, musicals, pilgrimages to Fauntleroy Home, entertainments for the blind, community dinners, dances for Juniors, and various activities each suited to the community, and all working toward one end, to make this a better place in which to live, and ourselves better citizens.

Fort Wayne Woman's Club



Jessica McFarlan (Mrs. Harry M.), Connersville

SIXTH DISTRICT

The Sixth District where the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs was "born."

Previous to the State Convention of 1906, there were but three Districts in the State, the Northern, Central and Southern. At this time the Constitution was changed to establish the Thirteen Congressional Districts, and the Sixth was among the first to be duly organized.

In 1906, Mrs. Frank Blackburn, Shelbyville, was appointed Chairman, or Vice President as they were called, but no Convention was held. Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City, succeeded Mrs. Blackburn for 1907, and at the State Convention, in Indianapolis, in the Fall of 1907, Mrs. Harry M. McFarlan, Connersville, was selected Chairman. While the organization was agreed upon, Mrs. McFarlan was not duly elected until the Greenfield Convention, 1909.

ORGANIZATION MEETING

May 13, 1903, Mrs. McFarlan called a meeting of all Literary, Musical, and Art Clubs of the District, to be held at Connersville, and 39 out of 79 clubs were represented. Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, President of the Indiana Federation, was present at this meeting. It was decided to make these meetings permanent, and Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl was appointed Chairman of a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws.

Mrs. McFarlan was again elected Chairman at the Second District meeting, in Greenfield, May, 1909. Forty-six delegates from the 32 clubs registered, and Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, the new State President, with several state officers were guests. The dues of all District clubs was to be 50c instead of the agreed upon \$1.00.

The Helen Hunt Club was hostess for the Third Convention, April, 1919, in Cambridge City, and Mrs. McFarlan was reelected Chairman. One hundred twenty-five guests, not including the local club, attended, as did Mrs. Clarke.

Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville, was elected Chairman at the Fourth Convention, in Brookville, June, 1911, and Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, was the new State President. At the close of the Convention, the guests were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis Adams. Mrs. Montgomery was reelected Chairman, and presided at the Sixth Convention, in Liberty, May, 1913. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Earl and Miss Mary Stubbs, Richmond, attended the Biennial of GFWC in San Francisco the same year.

The Seventh Convention was in Richmond, 1914, and the Eighth in Rushville, in 1915, with Mrs. I. M. Hamilton, Chairman. The dues for federated clubs was again made \$1 instead of 50c. Mrs. McWhirter, State President, was a guest, and the Ladies' Musicales, of Rushville, presented a Japanese Operetta.

At the Ninth Convention, 1916, at Shelbyville, Mrs. J. Benton Henley was Chairman, and the new State President, Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank, Fort Wayne, and Miss Charity Dye, Indianapolis, were guests. Thirty-five dollars fifty cents was pledged to the Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Guy Abercrombie presided at the Tenth Convention, 1917, in Connersville, and in Greenfield in 1918. Mrs. Juliet V. Strauss and Mrs. Edward Franklin White were guests, and the meeting closed with a drive to the Ely Lilly Plant, and the James Whitcomb Riley Home.

Mrs. J. M. Larimore was Chairman for the Twelfth Convention, in Knightstown, in 1919, and the Thirteenth at Cambridge City, in 1920. Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, State President, was a guest at the 1919 Convention, and Mrs. E. C. Rumpler at the one in 1920. A trip to the home of the Overbeck Sisters, nationally known for their paintings and pottery, was made following the close of the 1920 Convention.

Mrs. Harry F. Delby, Richmond, was Chairman for the Fourteenth Convention, at Richmond, and the Fifteenth, at Liberty. Mrs. Rumpler was again a guest and reports showed that a large amount of money was contributed for Riley Memorial Hospital, Fauntleroy Home, and Russian Relief. At the Fifteenth Convention, Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville, was the State President. Fifty dollars was voted to the Fauntleroy Home, and an appeal made to clubs to pay \$1 per member for its purchase. It was voted to pay the District Chairman's carfare on trips of business. Plans for County Federations were made at a later meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Saxon.

Miss Marie Gard was Chairman for the Sixteenth Convention at Brookville, 1923, and the Seventeenth in 1924 at Rushville. The State President, Mrs. Torrance, was again a guest as was also Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis, Past President of the Indiana Union. Mrs. Rumpler, now GFWC Director, and Mrs. O. M. Pittinger gave addresses. Wayne County was organized April 1, 1923, and Union County had the only County Library in the District, organized in 1917, just after the law was passed. At the Rushville Convention, 220 were registered, and reports show that a set of Riley's books was voted to GFWC Headquarters; 84 clubs belong to the District; Mrs. John Early, Greenfield, was endorsed for Recording Secretary of IFC, and Mrs. Edward Franklin White for First Vice President of GFWC.

STATE OFFICERS

Mrs. Walter Saxon presided at the Convention in Connersville, in 1925, and the Nineteenth at Greenfield, in 1926. Mrs. Pittinger was again a guest, and Mrs. Jennie Moss, Hancock County, was endorsed for state Corresponding Secretary. All counties were reported organized, and 49 state federated clubs showed a membership of 1,589, there being 393 delegates registered. A conference at the home of Mrs. Saxon showed 98 clubs in the District, 51 in the State, and a number county federated only. This group included one Junior club, each in Rush, Wayne, Fayette, and Hancock Counties. Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, the new State President, stressed County Library Service, County Loan Scholarships, and marketing products of blind women of the state. Twenty-seven subscriptions were taken for the Club Woman Magazine, which Mrs. Sheehan announced was self-supporting. Mrs. Jennie Moss had been elected state Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Walter Saxon, retiring District Chairman, was endorsed for state Recording Secretary. At a conference at the home of Mrs. Saxon, payment of dues to the state was reported as 100%; \$150 was placed in a savings account; a \$50 Scholarship Fund named "The Cora L. Saxon Scholarship Fund" was given to Earlham College.

GFWC REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Roscoe O'Byrne was Chairman for the Convention at New Castle, 1927, and also at the 1928 in Richmond. At New Castle, 416

club women registered, which was the largest number in the twenty years history of the District. Announcement was made of the "Jennie Hagan," Hancock County Scholarship Fund. The District was first in the state to have its department Chairman appointed, and first to submit complete report blanks. Mrs. Edward Franklin White was endorsed for President of GFWC, and Mrs. Sheehan was a guest. Two publicity scrap books had been sent to GFWC—one compiled by Mrs. Paul C. Miller, Mt. Summit, but there is no record of the other name. The "Rose" dinner was in honor of Mr. E. C. Hill, famous rose grower of Richmond. Fifty-one new subscriptions were received for the Club Woman Magazine; it was voted to send a delegate to the GFWC Convention, at San Antonio, Texas, and each club pay \$1 to help defray the expense; 201 were registered, and hereafter a one-day Convention will be held instead of two. The new State President, Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, was present.

An Institute was held at Cambridge City, October, 1929, with Mrs. Paul C. Miller presiding. The District had won the state Gavel for bringing in 14 new clubs; Henry County won a \$5 prize for the most new clubs in a county; Mrs. Fred Inlow, Shelby County Chairman, received \$1 for 100% clubs, each member being a subscriber to the official State Magazine. Mrs. Willard Petro, Chairman of the Committee for the Blind work, reported \$789.10 for the year. Henry County received a Fauntleroy Home plate for the most new District clubs. Mrs. Miller again presided over the Shelbyville Convention, 1929, and the Twenty-Third at Liberty, in 1930, and the 1931 meeting at Brookville. Decorations for the luncheon tables, made by the school children, under the direction of Mrs. Cora Tyndall, Art Supervisor in the schools, were so interesting that by request of state officials they were sent to Denver to be used at the GFWC Convention. Mrs. Hinkle, State President; Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, and 237 delegates were in attendance.

DISTRICT 100% ORGANIZED

At the Twenty-Third Convention, 336 were registered, and the District was reported 100% organized, as well as each of the counties, and in many clubs all of the 17 departments had Chairmen. Thirteen new clubs were reported; 12 student loans; two clubs won second and third prizes in the Star Program Contest; 17 new state clubs were added during the year, making a total of 72 or 2,913 members. Henry County was first to conform to Universal Membership. Mrs. Robert A. Hicks was endorsed for First Vice President of the State. Announcement was made that the name of Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl would be inscribed on the tablet in Washington in the movement, initiated by the Indiana voters, to honor the pioneers in the Suffrage Movement, and \$100 was raised for the purpose. One hundred ninety-six

subscriptions were secured for the Magazine; the Joan of Arc, Liberty, received the silk flag for the largest percentage of members present.

At a special meeting at the home of the Chairman, Mrs. Miller, the resignation of Miss Beatrice Swallow, President-elect, was accepted. The Vice President not being able to take up the work, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, State President, appointed Mrs. Miller to serve another year.

OUR STATE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

In November, 1930, an Institute was held in Cambridge City, and it was voted Junior Clubs pay \$1 to the state for dues and have no dues in the county or District. The title of county and District Presidents had been passed in the state. Ten dollars was awarded Mrs. Miller in recognition of her splendid work for Student Loans, 15 Funds having been added during her regime. The \$10 prize was added to the Cora L. Saxon Scholarship Fund at Earlham College. Mrs. Hicks was elected First Vice President of the state.

Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, State President, was a guest at the Convention in 1931. A Scholarship Loan of \$50 was given in honor of Mrs. Paul C. Miller, named "The Margaret E. Miller Fund," and at her request placed at Ball State Teachers College, Muncie. A Fauntleroy Home plate was presented Mrs. Frank Greenstreet, Wayne County Chairman, for holding the most clubs in Universal Membership and adding the most new clubs; 8 clubs were on the Honor Roll for 100% subscriptions to the Club Woman Magazine; Mrs. McBane, Hancock County Chairman, and Mrs. Sadie Hatcher, Mt. Summit, received pins from Epsilon Sigma Omicron.

A District Institute was held in September, 1931, and a Council meeting in October of the same year. Mrs. Fred Bell, Rushville, newly elected District President, was presented the District Federation pin to be worn during her term of office. Three Gavels had been received at the State Convention for the most new clubs in the state, most new clubs in a county, and the most Junior clubs. The book "Business of Being a Club Woman" was awarded Mrs. Miller for the most Institute units, and one to Mrs. Neff for the most in a county. Sixth District, also had the most Student Loans, and the Helen Hunt Club, Cambridge City, shared in the \$50 prize offered by the "Indianapolis Star" for programs.

OLDEST MOTHER

Mrs. Fred Bell's first Convention was at Rushville, 1932, and her second at Connersville, 1933. Rush County presented Mrs. Fisher, county President, with the County Federation pin. Miss Catt won the prize for securing the most subscriptions to the Club Woman Magazine. Mrs. Electa Wagner, Knightstown, 96 years old, responded to a tribute to the oldest mother in the District. Ten dollars was given to

the Blind Memorial Fund; Mrs. Fred Oldham received the prize in the contest, "What Makes the Best Home?" Marjorie Pierce, Henry County, was winner in the Poster Contest, and Shakespeare Club, Knightstown, received the Merit Flag. Mrs. Canine, State President, was again a guest and 249 club women registered.

At a Council meeting, in November, 1932, at the home of Mrs. Bell, it was reported the District had the most American Home Institutes, led in federation pin purchases, and won in the Americanization Contest. Mrs. Hicks was endorsed for President of the Indiana Federation.

"A YEAR OF PROGRESS"

Mrs. Canine, State President, and several state officers were guests at the Twenty-Sixth Convention, its theme being "A Year of Progress." Mrs. Fred B. Brookbank, new District President, presided at the Council meeting in Connersville, 1933, with 200 in attendance. Mrs. Canine was again a guest, as was Miss Frances Fryman, a Junior winner in the National Canning Contest. Glenwood Sororsis received the attendance flag. Mrs. Brookbank held her first Convention at Greenfield in 1934, and the Twenty-Seventh at New Castle in 1935. At the Greenfield Convention the new District chorus presented several numbers under the direction of Mrs. C. E. Walden.

OUR STATE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, the new State President, was a guest and Mrs. Paul C. Miller was endorsed for Recording Secretary of the state. The attendance flag was won by Epsilon Sigma Omicron, Rushville; Mrs. Curtis Higgs won a prize for the best American Home program, and Mrs. Harvey Snyder for the most Institute hours. At the Council meeting, October, 1934, 13 new clubs were reported; \$19.75 was sent to repaper the dining room of Old Fauntleroy Home; a report was given of the Pilgrimage from Henry County to the Home; prizes for returning Blue Blanks first were given Mrs. Nelle Brown and Mrs. Lemar, of Union County.

At the Twenty-Eighth Convention, 230 were in attendance, and Mrs. Hicks, State President, and the First Vice President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, were guests. Mrs. Edith Lombard Squires, Richmond, State Poet Laureate, read a group of original poems; The Y. M. U.'s won a prize for the best two-hour program; Mrs. Gladys Rude, Liberty, for the best poem in the American Home Department; Mrs. George Hull was first with posters on International Relations; Mrs. Roscoe Keesling, second with posters on Reciprocity. Co-chart winners were Miss Isabelle Hughes, Hancock County, first, and Mrs. Cyrus Peckenpough, Henry County, second. A Student Loan honoring Mrs. Orpha Brookbank was established; the Merit Flag went to the Spiceland

Tuesday Lucernian Club; subscription prize for the Club Woman Magazine went to Hancock County; Junior Tuesday Club received an award for the most Juniors present.

Three Council meetings were held—December 1935, June 1936, and another in August, at which Mrs. Fred Bell was endorsed for the office of Junior Trustee of the Indiana Federation.

“POWER OF FEDERATION”

The Twenty-Ninth Convention, held in Cambridge City, Mrs. Herman Jones, President, and the new State President, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, a guest, had for its theme, “The Power of Federation.” Two hundred fifty were registered with 60 clubs represented. More than 50 women were officially finger printed; corsages and favors of pottery were presented Mrs. Jones and state officers by the hostess club and Mrs. Hicks. The Nora Hicks Club had on display a quilt made by Mrs. Schrichte, which was to be exhibited at the Annual State Convention, and then presented the Fauntleroy Home. The Institute award went to Mrs. Margaret Melette, Henry County Institute Chairman; Mrs. Brookbank received an award for the best program on “Religious Training in the Home;” the Lenba Club gave two Foundation Funds, honoring two Past Presidents, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Anna Koons. The District is proud of her record in Student Loan Funds, having given \$1,322.15 since 1925, the second largest amount in the state. The Lenba Club, Henry County, is 100% in Foundation Funds with 16 full membership—there are 65 in the District.

INDIANA'S OLDEST RURAL LITERARY CLUB

The District has the honor of having what is believed to be the oldest rural literary woman's club in Indiana, and second oldest in the United States. Records of the Philomathian Literary Society, 1879 to 1890, are still in existence.

Much has been contributed to the Federation, both state and general, by the fine club women of the District. Mentioning only a few, we find: Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, Cambridge City; Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville; Mrs. Stephen Major, Shelbyville; Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City. (See President's administrations.)

Mrs. A. H. McFarlan, Connersville, Chairman Nominating Committee, 1910, and Recording Secretary, 1912-13; Mrs. J. Otis Adams, Chairman of Art, 1912-14; Miss Marian Doan Divitt, Richmond, election board; Mrs. John F. Mitchell, Greenfield, Chairman Badge and Pin Committee. Miss Mary Matthews, Cambridge City, Chairman Household Economics and Food Sanitation, 1919-24, and Chairman at present of Education Department.

Mrs. Wilson Gilbert Straughn, Loan Scholarship Fund; State Chairman of Art, Mrs. M. F. Johnson, Richmond, 1910; Library Extension Committee, Mrs. Martha S. Goodwin, Brookville; Mrs. E. K. Montgomery, Shelbyville, Chairman Cooperation of Blind, 1913-25; Chairman Press Committee, 1930-31; Mrs. Charles Hartlein, Connersville, Chairman Division Adult Education, 1925-27; Mrs. A. W. Roach, Richmond, Recording Secretary, 1926-27; Mrs. Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Chairman International Relations, 1926-27.

Mrs. Willard Petro, Cambridge City, Chairman Cooperation for Blind; Miss Elizabeth Paul, Cambridge City, Program Chairman, 1933; Mrs. John Reeves, Program Chairman, 1934, and Chairman Music, 1935; Mrs. Edith Lombard Squires, Richmond, Poet Laureate, 1935-36; Miss Isabelle Hughes, Greenfield, Chairman Division American Citizenship, 1936-37; Mrs. Walter Saxon, Falmouth, Recording Secretary, 1926-29; Mrs. Paul C. Miller, Chairman American Home, 1931-33, and Recording Secretary, 1934-35. Mrs. Fred Bell, Rushville, Circulation Manager Club Woman Magazine, 1933, Chairman American Home Department, 1934-35, and is now serving as State Trustee. Mrs. Fred Brookbank, Liberty, Chairman Committee on Bible Literature, 1936-37; Mrs. Herman Jones, New Castle, Chairman of Law Observance and Safety, 1931-32, and state Chairman of Rural Cooperation, 1934-35.



Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Indianapolis

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Marion County, which comprises the entire Seventh District, was the home of several clubs before the General Federation was organized.

The Indianapolis Woman's Club, organized in 1875, was one of the early woman's clubs in the United States. Four delegates went from Indianapolis to the first GFWC Biennial—Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Mrs. Donald Ketcham and Mrs. Kate Rand Winter. Mrs. Sewall was elected the first First Vice President of the General Federation. Mrs. Perkins held several official positions and in later years was elected President of the Pioneer Workers of the GFWC. Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke served as Director when there were but eight Directors on the Board of the General Federation, and also as GFWC Press Chairman.

Mesdames A. B. Gregory and S. E. Perkins served as Presidents of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs.

Following the merger of the Indiana Union with the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs to form the Indiana Federation of Clubs, the need for District organizations became apparent to those most interested in Federation affairs. The Congressional Districts were chosen as the logical divisions to use. Prior to this time District Vice Presidents had been appointed by the State President to promote club interest in the Districts, but there were no definite District organizations.

ORGANIZATION

The Seventh District Federation was organized May 25, 1909, in the Downey Avenue Christian Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke. Mrs. Clarke was elected President and served until her elevation to the Presidency of the Indiana State Federation of Clubs in October, 1909. Mrs. E. J. Robison was chosen as Secretary. Sixteen clubs were federated at the organization meeting. The Monday Club, the Aftermath, The Woman's Research, the Magazine and the Council of Jewish Women (Indianapolis Section) have had continuous membership since the beginning. The membership has increased gradually from 16 clubs to approximately 100 in 1938.

Seventeen women have been elected to the office of President of the District, and have served for terms varying in length from a few weeks to five years. Mrs. J. F. Edwards died in office. All the others are living, and were organized by Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, while District President, into a Past President's Universal Membership Club. Their names follow: Mesdames Grace Julian Clarke (now deceased), Demarchus Brown, Felix T. McWhirter, M. F. Ault, E. C. Rumpler, R. E. Kennington, John Downing Johnson, John T. Wheeler, C. T. Austin, David Ross, H. K. Fatout, George M. Cornelius, R. O. McAlexander, Frederick G. Balz, J. F. Edwards, C. J. Finch and W. D. Keenan, the President. Mrs. Brown resigned after serving a few months, and Mrs. Austin served only a few weeks, resigning because of ill health. Four of these District Presidents have served the Indiana Federation of Clubs as President and as General Federation Director. They are: Mesdames Clarke, McWhirter, Rumpler, and Balz. (The scope of their Federation activities is recorded in the histories of their individual administrations.)

Mrs. Edward Franklin White was very active in the 1915 Legislature, when the IFC secured the establishment of the Industrial Aid for the Blind. She served the General Federation as Chairman of the Division of Political Science, as Chairman of the Department of Legislation, Chairman of Resolutions, and as First Vice President for four years. Mrs. White is now an Honorary Vice President of the General Federation. Mrs. Ida Gray Scott served as Chairman of the Division of Music, and Mrs. H. B. Burnet served as Art Adviser in the GFWC.

ANOTHER STATE PRESIDENT

Mrs. O. M. Pittinger lived in the Seventh District at the time of her election to the State Presidency, and in addition to its support she was enthusiastically endorsed by the Eighth District, of which she had been a part, and by the Ninth District which she had served as Chairman.

Each administration had some distinguishing feature and the spirit of Federation has grown through the years. Eighteen of the State Conventions have been held in Indianapolis.

The District has carried all the departments of the State and General Federations. It has been the custom of the State Federation to appoint a member of the District to the Chairmanship of the Department of Legislation, in order to make the work of that department most effective. Mesdames J. W. Moore, W. A. Eshbach, Edward Franklin White, Elsa Huebner Olson, Ovid Butler Jamison, Julia Henderson, Philip Zoercher, Robert Strong, Dr. Amelia Keller, Ralph Kennington and Mrs. John W. Thornburgh deserve special mention. Mrs. McWhirter, Mrs. E. F. White and Mrs. Rumpler all served as Presidents of the Legislative Council of Indiana Women, an organization composed of delegates from ten women's groups who were interested in legislation.

During the early years the District devoted much of its energy to local problems, such as market facilities, clean streets, early closing of stores, school suffrage for women, etc. The formation of P. T. A. Clubs, the raising of teachers' salaries, playground, and student loan funds, were also among the projects that engaged the interest of Seventh District club women.

Under the leadership of Mrs. M. F. Ault, the fourth President of the District, the clubs began to realize their real relationship to the State Federation and definite department work was undertaken.

The first District Convention luncheon was held April 23, 1914, when Mrs. E. C. Rumpler was Chairman. Mrs. Albert H. Hildreth, a native Hoosier, then President of the New York State Federation, attended the meeting as did Miss Vida Newsom, the State President. Mrs. Demarchus Brown was the guest speaker. The endowment fund of the GFWC and of the IFC were objects of serious attention during the year of 1916.

WAR WORK

Mrs. R. E. Kennington was the War President of the District. She led the District women in their war service, notably with the soldiers in camp in the county, selling Liberty Bonds, working for the Red Cross, and in securing books for the Library War Council. Indiana, like other State Federations, raised the war service fund to send women to work in France for the hospitals and in the camps to keep up the morale of the American Army. The District raised its quota of money and Miss Dora Bosart, of Indianapolis, was one of the two girls chosen from Indiana for that service.

FIRST DISTRICT DIRECTORY

Mrs. John Downing Johnson served five years as President, and at the end of that period was made Honorary President. Work for open-air schools, the Juliet V. Strauss Memorial at Turkey Run, Centennial of Indianapolis, the home-coming of Indiana's World War soldiers,

and similar projects were fostered during this administration. Mrs. Johnson inaugurated the custom of holding monthly meetings in the District. The first District Directory made its appearance during this time. Near-East and Russian Relief received many contributions, and the Fauntleroy Home purchase was ably supported. Seventh District clubs contributed \$11,521.00 to the Riley Hospital for crippled children.

Mrs. John T. Wheeler specialized in the Fine Arts, but at the same time neglected none of the other Department work. The movement to establish a Psychiatric ward in the Indiana Central Hospital for the treatment of persons on the borderline of insanity, was promoted by a very able committee, appointed by Mrs. Wheeler. Indiana entertained the Council of the GFWC, at West Baden, in 1925, and the President and the District contributed much personal work toward its success, in addition to \$100 contributed to the hospitality fund.

The administration of Mrs. David Ross was devoted to the Better Homes and Better Motion Pictures projects. A demonstration of the meaning of Better Homes was held and attracted city-wide attention. An Indiana State Flag was purchased and sent to the Biennial of the GFWC, at Atlantic City.

Student Loan, the Hoosier Salon, the Fauntleroy Home, and Cooperation with the blind occupied the attention of the clubs during the administration of Mrs. H. K. Fatout. Nineteen hundred twenty-one dollars was contributed to the various Student Loan Funds.

The organization of Junior Clubs, a new movement in the General Federation, was a major project during the administration of Mrs. Geo. M. Cornelius. The campaign to elect Mrs. White President of GFWC occupied much of the President's time and interest. The Club Woman Magazine was featured in a drive for subscriptions. Three thousand two hundred forty-one towels were sold in one year by the committee for Cooperation With the Blind.

Mrs. R. O. McAlexander gave emphasis to the Public Welfare and Legislative Departments, the Nutrition Camp at Bridgeport receiving marked attention. Several of the Junior clubs raised special funds for the Camp. The membership reached 103 clubs. Important phases of these two departments were presented by authoritative speakers at the monthly meetings of the District.

MEMORIAL BOOKS

Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, whose term of office covered three years, was a firm believer in Universal Membership, and the response to her appeal to the clubs to accept it, was more than gratifying. The Woman's Department Club, of which she was a member, the largest club in the District, led the way for the others. Student Loan Funds, the sale of

towels for the blind, and cooperation with the Indianapolis Public Library, were among the subjects which received much attention during this period. Mrs. Balz originated the plan of having clubs present to the Library memorial books in honor of deceased members, or tribute books to celebrate special attainments by club members. Many books have been presented, and the National Library Magazine carried an article commending this bit of club work instigated by Mrs. Balz. Fine Arts and Public Health were promoted through pilgrimages to the Herron Art Institute, and to the Bridgeport Nutrition Camp. Revision of the District Constitution provided for the election of half of the Board each year, and a term of two years for all officers. The National Convention of the Woman's Party was held in Indianapolis in the fall of 1931, and Mrs. Balz was honored with a place on the program. She stood before the bust of Robert Dale Owen, in the State House, and told the story of the New Harmony Movement. A Christmas Party for children was given in the State House by the Salvation Army. Club members gave great assistance at the party besides purchasing 300 pairs of stockings for gifts for the occasion. The Fautleroy Home, and the Washington Bi-centennial were emphasized in 1932. The District honored Mrs. Balz by purchasing a rug in her name for the Old Fautleroy Home; by contributions of \$100 for books for the Library, on "Child Training;" by donation of \$100 in her name toward the permanent building fund at Bridgeport Fresh Air Clinic. The first IFC Day at Bethany Park was celebrated in 1932.

The administration of Mrs. J. F. Edwards came to an untimely end shortly before the close of its second year. On July 2, 1934, Mrs. Edwards suddenly passed into the "silent halls of death." The District was bowed in sorrow, but realized that many fine things had been accomplished by their gifted Chairman during the months she had led them. Great interest was manifested in the Nutrition Camp, the Indianapolis Community Fund, and the Wheeler Rescue Mission. Contributions of time by many speakers and solicitors, and considerable money were made by clubs and club women. Governor Paul V. McNutt delivered an address on "Indiana" at the January, 1933, meeting. Adult education was promoted through the establishment of Epsilon Sigma Omicron chapters. Mrs. W. D. Keenan, Chairman of the committee for cooperation with the blind, held a week's sale in the store of L. S. Ayres & Co. Two thousand nine hundred thirty-eight towels were sold, netting \$633.75. In spite of the depression the membership increased. Under the leadership of Mrs. Edwards the District club women made a house to house canvass to enroll members to serve under the Blue Eagle of the United States Government.

The administration of Mrs. C. J. Finch began when she assumed the office made vacant by the death of Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. Finch was District Vice President and the newly elected President. One of

the first acts of the new President was to secure a gift of \$100 from the District to be given to the Public Health Nursing Association to establish a memorial for Mrs. Edwards, who was a Graduate Nurse. The income from the sum will provide the services of a nurse for one day out of each year.

PURCHASE OF RADIUM

Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, President of IFC, had requested that each District take a definite project for the year. The Seventh chose to raise a fund to buy radium for the treatment of cancer patients in the City Hospital. Mrs. Finch appointed Mrs. John F. Engelke, who first proposed the idea, chairman of the committee with Mrs. A. J. Heuber, Mrs. T. F. Greer and Mrs. W. A. Eshbach as her associates. Through the cooperation of many club women \$8,000 was raised. The radium was purchased and the District received a special commendation from Roberta Campbell Lawson, GFWC President, as well as much praise from the community for this splendid accomplishment. Successful Fine Arts Festivals were held in 1936-37.

CLUB HISTORY MARKER

A movement to mark places in Indianapolis and Marion County which are definitely connected with the club history of the District was started during this period. Plans were made for a marker at the Downey Avenue Christian Church, where the District was organized. The large stone holding the bronze plate was unveiled with proper ceremonies on June 11, 1937, three weeks after the close of the administration of Mrs. Finch. Trees were planted in Ellenberger Park on the twenty-fifth anniversary to honor the living presence of Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, founder (now deceased), and to honor the memory of Mrs. E. J. Robison, the first Secretary of the District.

While the history of the District must necessarily be the record of the administrations of its several Presidents, high tribute must be paid and great credit given to all the women who have served in any official capacity, to Department and Division Chairmen, Club Presidents, and to the individual club woman whose cooperation enabled the Federation to build well in the past and to lay a firm foundation for the superstructure which is now in the process of building.



Mrs. John Niblick, Decatur

EIGHTH DISTRICT

HOME OF THE SECOND OLDEST FEDERATED WOMAN'S CLUB IN INDIANA

The women of the Eighth District were pioneers in the Club Movement, at least in Indiana. To them goes the honor of having the second oldest club in the State, The Woman's Club of Muncie. Six years after the organization of the Muncie club, a little group of women in Decatur organized and began the study of the English Bard, Shakespeare, and thus began that long parade of women's clubs that today includes 37 clubs with 1,157 members in the District.

ORGANIZATION

At the time of the consolidation of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, of this District, President, and the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, President, to form the Indiana Federation of Clubs as we know it today, Mrs. John Niblick was one of the members of the committee

effecting the merger. Shortly after the organization meeting in Fort Wayne, Mrs. Henry C. Durbin, Anderson, called a meeting in Anderson to complete the organization of the District. Mrs. Durbin became Chairman of her County, Madison, and Mrs. Niblick was made the first District Chairman, serving 1906-07.

The first two clubs to become members of this new Federation were The Ladies' Shakespeare Club of Decatur and The Woman's Club of Winchester. Both had been federated in 1895 and have been members continuously since that early date.

Eighth District has entertained the State Federation twice—in Muncie in 1906 and again in 1921. The District has been represented at many Biennials, Council Meetings and Conventions and in the Indiana Day programs at the World's Fair in Chicago.

OUR STATE PRESIDENTS

Fort Wayne Woman's

Several State Presidents have been residents of the District. Mrs. Frank B. Saylor, Elwood, President of the Indiana Union in 1905; Mrs. Rose Budd Stewart, Muncie, first President of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1900. The same year Mrs. Emma Mont McRae was President of the Indiana Union, being a resident of Lafayette, but from 1867 to 1883 being a resident of Muncie. Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs in 1923-24, was a resident of Muncie, going from there to Indianapolis to reside.

Mrs. Henry C. Durbin, Anderson, was the second Chairman of the District, serving from 1907-09. She was active in Federation work, both of her County and District, promoting war work and all civic projects.

The third chairman, Mrs. James P. Goodrich, Winchester, 1909-11, not only served as District Chairman, but also became trustee of the State, served as International Relations Chairman, was one of the founders of the Endowment Fund and interested in the Student Loan Fund.

The first constitution for the District was drafted during the administration of Mrs. John Morris, Union City, 1911-13, Mrs. Morris acting as chairman for the committee. Mrs. W. Z. King, Elwood, chairman for 1913-15, served also on the State International Relations Committee as well as on the committee for the work of the blind.

Mrs. Emogene Taft Lesh, Muncie, was chairman for 1915-17. Mrs. Lesh served the State as Corresponding Secretary and was a member of many important committees. It was during her administration that the first constitution and by-laws were adopted. She supported the Pioneer Mothers' Memorial Fund, Woman Suffrage, and the movement for a new Constitution for Indiana, and constantly urged duty of women to their State and Flag.

HEALTH DAY PARADE

The District is justly proud of Mrs. Ella B. Kehrer, Anderson, who did outstanding work with her clubs during the World War and during the trying period of reconstruction that followed; proud of her wonderful leadership in the fight for child welfare and the building of the Tuberculosis Hospital and Children's Preventorium in Anderson; proud of the fact that she staged the first "Health Day Parade" in the world. Mrs. Kehrer was chairman for 1917-19. The District is also glad that the name of Mrs. Ida Husted Harper, the author, is engraved upon the scroll of their membership.

FIRST DISTRICT DIRECTORY

The 1919-21 Chairman was Mrs. John Peterson, Decatur. Mrs. Peterson was an enthusiast for Woman Suffrage. She stressed Child Welfare projects, Americanization of foreign-born women in America, and National Prohibition, urged at that time as a war measure. It was through the efforts of Mrs. Peterson that our first Club Directory was published.

Five new clubs were added during the administration of Mrs. Fred Meeker, Portland, 1921-22. Mrs. J. J. Pretlow, Winchester, was elected Chairman in May, 1922, but forced to resign in January, 1923, on account of illness in the family. Mrs. E. W. Barrett, Muncie, came into the chairmanship for 1923-24. Mrs. Barrett attended the Biennial in Los Angeles and served on many State Committees. She emphasized loyalty to club movements, children's happiness as preserved by the Child Welfare projects, Universal Membership and Conservation.

COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

Organization of Counties was one of the main objectives of the administration of Mrs. Charles C. Deam, Bluffton, 1924-25. She succeeded in having all but one in line—Adams. Both Wells and Jay organized under her regime. She worked earnestly for civic improvements and urged the planting of Memorial trees, also roadside beautification, and that of church and school grounds. She distributed several bushels of walnuts to school children for planting purposes, and had a tulip tree for every club. Moore's Life of Lincoln was sent GFWC headquarters and assistance was given in the entertainment of the GFWC Council at West Baden.

During the term of Mrs. A. B. Taylor, Pendleton, 1925-26, County organizations were again stressed, as well as publicity and the American Home. Mrs. Taylor was a delegate to the Biennial in Los Angeles, 1924. She served on committees at the West Baden Council and was a member of many State committees.

Mrs. George W. Jaqua, Winchester, was Chairman for 1926-28. A vast amount of civic endeavor was carried on; much beneficial welfare work; fine literary programs; the work for the blind; Conservation, and Good Citizenship were all emphasized. She was a delegate to the Biennial in San Antonio, Texas; has served on many State Committees; filled the office of State Corresponding Secretary and First Vice President. She was adjudged winner of the first prize given by GFWC for the best essay on "How Can We Build a World Society?" and a trip abroad was the much coveted prize.

Mrs. Karl T. Brown, Muncie, Chairman for 1928-29, stressed better work for the blind, more Student Loans, encouragement of Art, and the planting of Memorial Trees. Good Citizenship was promoted and Delaware County won the National prize in the essay contest on "Why I Should Vote." Mrs. Brown has been generous in her services on committees both in District and State.

Mrs. John W. Tyndall, Decatur, Chairman for 1929-30, says: "Universal Membership had the spotlight at this time and resulted in its adoption, but much explaining was necessary, and this made it a very important project." Junior Clubs, a study of the Constitution, Community Welfare and Student Loans were the ever present themes of importance. A Student Loan was given by the District to Ball Teachers' College and several were given by individual clubs. Mrs. Tyndall served on the Resolutions Committee for the State and was a member of the committee appointed for the World's Fair, but was unable to serve.

"AN INSTITUTE IN EVERY CLUB"

Mrs. A. M. Decker, Anderson, was Chairman for 1930-32. Child Welfare, Rural Cooperation, Art, Literature and Student Loans were continuously stressed. Ninety-four Washington Bi-Centennial programs were given in the District. Madison County presented a small cherry orchard to the Ella B. Kehrner Child Health Camp and Tuberculosis Hospital. The Delaware Chorus, composed of 25 voices, and the Adams County Chorus of 52 voices, were instituted at this time. "An Institute in Every Club" became the slogan of Mrs. Decker's administration. She served on the State Institute Committee, Resolutions and as Corresponding Secretary.

"SECURITY"

During Mrs. Paul Powers', Gaston, administration, 1932-34, American Citizenship, Child Welfare, Institutes, Community Service and Student Loans were stressed. The District was represented at the GFWC Council meeting. Mrs. Bert F. Terry, Winchester, was elected President in 1934, but resigned in November and turned the work over to her First Vice President, Mrs. Alvin C. Hudgel, Yorktown.

“OUR FEDERATION”

Mrs. Hudgel served as Chairman for 1934-36. She took as her theme the first year, “Our Federation,” and for her project, “Means and Methods of Prevention of Tuberculosis.” Clubs in the District were honored by having two GFWC Presidents as guests—Mrs. Grace Morrison Poole and Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, both speaking in Elwood.

STATE PRIZE FOR DISTRICT SONG

The first Fine Arts Festival was held in Muncie, April 9, 1936, and the District song, for which they received the State Prize, was sung at this meeting. The song was composed by Mrs. Mary E. Belknap of the Muncie Pegasus Club, with music composed by Louise Haubold of Decatur.

Working Together

Working together, many clubs are we,
Each with its ideals, yet bound in unity,
County and District, then the greater State,
All hail to our District, District Number Eight.

Refrain:

Join the happy chorus,
Hail our District Eight,
Progress lies before us,
All hail our District Eight.

Working together, trying to convey
Culture and beauty to all the world today,
’Tis a task stupendous, but we will reach our goal
By working in harmony, a Federated Whole.

Refrain

Working together, with a well-planned course,
Constructive and useful we’re a mighty force,
Toward broader education, in each community,
And betterment of living for all humanity.

Refrain

Working together, for home and family life,
Order and safety, for an end to war’s cruel strife,
Having the happiness of all the world at heart,
Hail to our District! We will do our part!

100% IN UNIVERSAL CLUBS

The District is proud of the fact that (1937) there are no affiliate clubs on the roster—all clubs being in Universal Membership. This is the only District in the State with this record. This was Mrs. Hudgel's second year and the project was "Character Education and Character Building," with the theme, "Loyalty and Its Value to the Federation."

The Muncie Woman's Club has a \$3,000 club house fund and they use the interest from this to pay rent to the Y. W. C. A. for the use of a room for their meetings. Some day a new woman's club home will be realized there.

Mrs. Edmund Burke Ball, Muncie, Honorary Chairman of the Old Fauntleroy Home Board, has worked untiringly for the Home and for New Harmony. (See Old Fauntleroy Home.) Eighth District is, of course, justly proud of the fact that Mrs. Ball is a resident of their District, a member of one of their clubs, and of the many fine things she has done for both her community and for the State Federation.

Mrs. Henry B. Heller, Decatur, is the newly elected President of the District.



Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield (Gallipolis, Ohio)

NINTH DISTRICT

The birthplace of the Federation of the Ninth District was Westfield; the time April 27, 1909. Its Maternal parent was the Ninth District Chairman, Mrs. Julia S. Conklin; its godparent, Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs.

Ninth District Chairmen or Presidents

- 1909-10 Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield.
- 1911 Mrs. Hugh S. Kingery, Crawfordsville (Worthington, O.)
- 1911-13 Mrs. John Henry, Ladoga (Died Jan. 2, 1930.)
- 1913-15 Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Frankfort (Indianapolis.) (Died June 16, 1938.)
- 1915-17 Mrs. Sam Matthews, Tipton.
- 1917-19 Mrs. C. J. Davis, Greentown (Kokomo.)
- 1919-21 Mrs. J. T. Boyer, Waveland (Philadelphia, Pa.) (Mrs. C. D. O'Rear elected for this term but resigned.)
- 1921-23 Mrs. J. M. Thistlethwaite, Sheridan.
- 1923-25 Mrs. Russell Kramer, Frankfort.

- 1925-27 Mrs. Frank Lyons, Delphi.
- 1927-30 Miss May Hobbs, Tipton.
- 1930-31 Mrs. Bert Miller, Lebanon.
- 1931-33 Miss Helen Waters, Russiaville.
- 1933-36 Mrs. Harold Baker, Camden.
- 1936 Mrs. W. H. Lykins, Covington.

Ninth District Women Serving Indiana Federation

- Mrs. Ella Myers, Crawfordsville, Corresponding Secretary, 1914-15.
- Mrs. Sallie Foster, Ladoga, Auditor, 1914-15.
- Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, Corresponding Secretary, 1915-17;
President, 1917-19; Parliamentarian, 1922 and 1927; Executive
Board, 1922-26; Historian, 1927-36.
- Mrs. Horace Campbell, Frankfort, Recording Secretary, 1923-24;
Chairman Credentials, 1926-36.
- Miss May Hobbs, Tipton, Treasurer, 1932-34; Trustee, 1934-37.

With a promise of cooperation from the three Westfield clubs, Mrs. Conklin called all clubs in the District to meet in Westfield, her home town, to effect a District organization. "I had no precedent to follow," writes Mrs. Conklin, "and was forced to rely upon my own resources in organizing the District." But like other early clubwomen, Mrs. Conklin was not wanting in resources of her own. She later demonstrated her ability in the State Federation as Chairman of the Robert Dale Owen Memorial Committee.

ROBERT DALE OWEN MEMORIAL

In writing of this accomplishment Mrs. Conklin says, "One significant gesture made while I was active in the Indiana Federation, was placing a portrait bust of Robert Dale Owen in the State House grounds, in recognition of his service to the women of Indiana by securing for them through legislation, just and fair educational privileges and property rights. The facts were brought to my attention when I was writing my 'Young People's History of Indiana.' I presented the subject to the State Federation Convention and the plan was unanimously adopted. A committee was appointed which later resolved itself into 'The Robert Dale Owen Memorial Association, Incorporated.' Funds were contributed by clubs and club women throughout the State. The commission to make the bust was awarded Miss Frances Goodwin, an Indiana artist. When the model was finished Miss Goodwin invited Ernest Owen, an attorney and son of Robert Dale Owen, to meet the Memorial Association Members at her Studio in Indianapolis. After a very few slight changes, principally relative to the clothing, he pronounced it a perfect likeness of his father. The model was then sent to Paris where it was cast in bronze. When the statue was dedicated, the State Legislature adjourned to attend the

ceremony in a body. The statue was presented to the Chief Executive of Indiana, Governor Thomas A. Marshall, who accepted it in the name of the State. A little girl of the house of Owen drew the cord which unveiled the statue." (Records on file in State House.)

ORGANIZATION

This first meeting for organization of the District was held on the evening of April 26, with the formal opening the next morning. Twenty-three clubs were represented—13 federated and ten unfederated. Mrs. Clarke, State President, and other State officers and chairmen were present. By way of diversion Mrs. Conklin held a baby parade in which the babies of the Outlook Club members took part. Mrs. Conklin was elected Chairman and Mrs. Clara Roberts, Westfield, Secretary. A request was made for a convention meeting place for the next year, but no invitation was forthcoming, hence there was no 1910 convention.

At the second convention, held in Crawfordsville, October, 1911, Mrs. Hugh W. Kingery served as Chairman. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. E. E. Ballard, President of the Montgomery County Council of Women, which was at that time the largest woman's club in the State. Ninety-six people attended, 73 of whom were clubwomen. A revised copy of the District Constitution was accepted and Mrs. John Henry, Ladoga, chosen Chairman.

The highlight of the third convention, held in Lebanon, May, 1912, was the appointment of three committees—legislation, education and conservation.

STATE OFFICERS

During the year following the District was saddened by the death of the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eugene Ashby. Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Frankfort, was elected Chairman and served in 1913 and at the next convention in Kokomo, April, 1914. Twenty-one federated and 20 unfederated clubs gave reports. The District had the honor of having Mrs. Ella Myers, Crawfordsville, as State Corresponding Secretary and Sallie Foster, Ladoga, as State Auditor.

Interest was being shown in the work for the blind and articles were on display at the Tipton convention, May, 1915. The District was much interested, too, in art, and led the State that year in the number of traveling art exhibits and in the number of pictures purchased during these exhibitions.

Mrs. Sam Matthews, Tipton, was elected Chairman in 1915 and again at the Delphi convention in 1916.

OUR STATE PRESIDENT

In the fall of 1915 Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Indiana Federation, and since that date Mrs. Moore has held some official position almost continuously. In

October, 1917; she was elected State President and served through the years 1918 and 1919, holding the Indiana Federation together during the trying years of the World War. She was Parliamentarian in 1922 and again in 1927. She was appointed trustee in 1922 and served as Chairman of Trustees for four years. In 1927 the office of State Historian was created and Mrs. Moore was the first appointee. She has been reappointed by each succeeding President and still holds the office in 1936.

Club activities were flourishing in the District in 1916 and the motto adopted at this time was "Attempt Less—Accomplish More."

WAR WORK

An undercurrent of war ran through the eighth convention, Noblesville, May, 1917, and "Americanization" was the subject stressed. Mrs. C. J. Davis, Greentown, was elected President.

A gavel made from wood of Constitution Elm, Corydon, was presented to the District by Mrs. Sam Matthews and used at the next convention in Lebanon, May, 1918. The war spirit was still all-pervading, and much Americanization work had been done in the District during the year. A total of \$1,363.05 contributed to war work by the District was reported. Mrs. C. D. O'Rear, Lebanon, who was elected Chairman, later resigned and Mrs. C. J. Davis was appointed to take her place.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

"Americanization" continued throughout 1919 and was the slogan for that year's work. Eight new clubs were organized and federated during the year preceding the convention, which was held in Crawfordsville, May 2. Mrs. J. T. Boyer, Waveland, was elected Chairman and reelected at the 1920 convention in Covington. Each County Chairman reported for the clubs in her County. March, 1919, the Montgomery County Federation was organized in Crawfordsville. At this time it was said Montgomery County had more towns with clubs than any other County in the State. Of the 16 originally in the County Federation six remain today as members. Howard County was actively organized in 1919, but no record of its founding has been available. Hamilton County, too, must have been organized about this time, but those records also have not been found. An organization on a smaller scale had existed in the County since 1906.

Frankfort was host to the Twelfth Convention, May, 1921. Mrs. J. M. Thistlethwaite, Sheridan, was elected Chairman and reelected at the Kokomo Convention, May, 1923. The District passed a resolution favoring changing the State Convention from fall to spring.

May, 1922, the Clinton County Federation was organized in Frankfort, at the home of Mrs. Horace Campbell, who became its first

Chairman. Nineteen women representing 7 clubs were present at the Convention in Kokomo. The giving of merit flags was inaugurated by Mrs. O. M. Pittinger at this Convention.

ANOTHER STATE OFFICER

At the next Convention, Sheridan, May, 1923, Mrs. Thistlethwaite presented a second merit flag. Mrs. Sam Matthews gave \$25 to Old Fauntleroy Home, in memory of Miss Charity Dye, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Russell Kramer, Frankfort, was elected Chairman, and again in 1924. Shortly before this Convention, April 26, Carroll County Federation had been organized, at Delphi, by Mrs. Thistlethwaite, with 8 clubs as charter clubs. Ten new clubs had been added to the District by the Tipton Convention, April, 1924. During the years 1923-24 the District had the honor of having Mrs. Horace Campbell as Recording Secretary of the state. Mrs. Campbell has given many years of untiring service to her County, District and State.

During Mrs. Russell Kramer's administration, Fountain County was organized at the home of Mrs. W. B. Coffing, Covington, April, 1925. The Presidents and Delegates from three Covington and one Veedersburg club attended.

The exact date of Tipton County's organization is uncertain. Some sort of organization existed in 1916, but a more complete organization was effected in 1924.

The Sixteenth Convention was in Delphi, April, 1925, and the Seventeenth in 1926, in Lebanon, with Mrs. Frank Lyons, Delphi, as Chairman.

Boone County Federation was organized the next year, 1926, in February, in Lebanon, with the Research Club, Lebanon, as host. Ten clubs were in attendance, and Mrs. J. H. Sample, Lebanon, was elected Chairman.

The next Convention was at Crawfordsville, April, 1927, and Miss May Hobbs, Tipton, was elected Chairman, which office she held for three years. The Nineteenth Convention was held in Covington, April, 1928, and the Twentieth in Frankfort, April, 1929. "The May Hobbs Student Loan Fund" to Indiana University, a District loan, was over-subscribed.

HONORARY DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Bert Miller, Lebanon, was elected at the Kokomo Convention, May, 1930, and Miss May Hobbs was made Honorary Chairman of the District.

At the next Convention, in Sheridan, April, 1931, Miss Helen Waters, Russiaville, was elected Chairman. During the Washington Bi-Centennial celebration, in 1932, one hundred fifty celebration programs were given in the District. An interesting feature of the Tipton, April 13, Convention was the planting of a tree on the court house

lawn, under the direction of Mrs. Horace Campbell, Conservation Chairman, and dedicated to George Washington. Another feature was the honoring of the oldest mother in the District, Mrs. Mary Read, Clinton County, 102 years old. All District officers were reelected. Miss May Hobbs was endorsed for State Treasurer, and was elected and held the office for two years. In 1934, she was elected a Trustee, serving three years.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Harold Baker, Camden, was elected Chairman at the Delphi Convention, April, 1933, and all officers were reelected at the 1934 Convention in Lebanon. This was the District's Silver Anniversary. A birthday luncheon was served, and a birthday cake presented by Mrs. Ruth Mills, Zionsville. The history of the District was given by Mrs. Alden Baker, Noblesville, and a beautiful candle-lighting service held.

A council meeting and dinner were held the evening preceding the 1935 Convention, Sept. 12, at Veedersburg. A District project to raise \$50 during the coming year for aid for the blind was adopted. Mrs. Horace Campbell suggested the pink Petunia as the District flower. Mrs. W. H. Lykins, Covington, was elected President.

The first District Fine Arts Festival was held in Camden, May, 1936. Features of this occasion were music, a book review, a display of art work, pictures made by women of the District, and a tea. An evening dinner and council meeting preceded the Convention held in Crawfordsville, Sept. 30 and October 1, 1936. "American Citizenship" was the theme. It was decided to place the District project money in the Memorial Fund for blind women. Miss May Hobbs, District parliamentarian, in charge, the District Constitution was revised, and officers reelected for another year.

CLUB HOUSE

The only club house in the District is that of the Kokomo Department Club. Here many fine projects are promoted and Federation work carried on. (See Club Houses.)

Time marches on! The registration at this last Convention was 216. There are today 70 clubs and 2,083 members in the Ninth District. All honor be to those founders and pioneer federation workers whose courage and vision have made it possible for the Ninth District to play its part in making the Indiana Federation of Clubs "a constructive force in each community in the State."



Mrs. Edith B. Griffin, Hammond

TENTH DISTRICT

The Tenth District Indiana Federation of Clubs was first known as the Association of Federated Clubs of the Tenth Indiana Congressional District, and was organized in 1909, with nine clubs answering roll call.

ORGANIZATION

The initial meeting of the Tenth District, which resulted in its formal organization, was held at Hammond, April 17, 1909. Mrs. Edith B. Griffin, a charter member of the Hammond Woman's Club, was elected the first President, and Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, State President, assisted in that first formative gathering.

No Convention was held in 1910.

The 1911 Convention was held in Valparaiso, with Mrs. H. V. Parry as the new Chairman, and Mrs. Clarke again a guest. Seven of the eight counties were organized at this time.

When the 1912 Convention met in Kentland, Mrs. Frank Ross, Chairman, the District boasted 22 clubs, with a membership of 929, four of the 22 clubs being affiliated with the General Federation. At

this time there were two clubs in Porter County; 15 in Lake; 2 in Tippecanoe; 1 in Jasper; 1 in Newton. Mrs. Ross made the first monetary report in our Year Book.

LARGEST MEMBERSHIP

By 1915, the District, with 23 clubs listed, was well established and we regret we cannot recount in detail the multitude of splendid achievements forged by its worthy presidents and willing co-workers. Membership grew steadily toward its high peak in 1928, when Mrs. J. H. Lyman, Monon, President, reported 4,999 members in 65 clubs. This, the largest membership of any District in the State, was held for three consecutive years, during the last year of Mrs. Lyman's leadership, and the two years of Mrs. Putnam's.

In 1921, Mrs. Harry Little, Chairman, reported 44 clubs. The highest District Convention attendance recorded was in 1923, when Mrs. William J. Rought, Chairman, reported "nearly 500" at the afternoon session in Gary.

FIVE TIMES GAVEL WINNER

Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke had a gavel made from the Old Constitution elm, at Corydon, and this gavel, awarded each year to the District President reporting the most new clubs, has been won by the Tenth District five times. Mrs. H. V. Parry was awarded it in 1911; Mrs. J. C. Gibbs in 1917 and 1918; Mrs. Harry Little in 1922; Mrs. Shoemaker in 1925. The Junior gavel was won by Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam in 1929. Mrs. Joseph H. Howarth won the cash prize for two consecutive years, 1935-36, for the greatest gain in Universal Members.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

In 1918 only two of the eight counties were organized, Lake and Newton. In 1921, Mrs. Little reported 7 of our counties active. Warren County dropped from the list sometime later, but in 1929, Mrs. Lyman, then District Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, re-organized Benton and Warren Counties, making the District complete. It has maintained that position.

Beneath this gratifying growth, we are ever aware of the smoothly-functioning machinery built on Constitution and By-Laws; the Official Board consisting of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, three Directors and eight County Presidents at the helm of major tasks. Our Constitution and By-Laws have been changed as necessity demanded.

OUTSTANDING DISTRICT WORK

Although we cannot incorporate here a complete resume of crowning accomplishments, let us gaze at a few salient peaks of progress.

First we will mention the Student Loans. Between 1926 and 1936, thirty-two have been completed, making a total of \$2,321.25 (page 177, Year Book), which has been given by the combined forces of the District, including the members, clubs and District. For three consecutive years, during the administration of Mrs. Joseph H. Howarth, the District has made a Student Loan each year. During Mrs. Lyman's reign our loans leaped from 6 to 19. In 1930, we received the prize Student Loan made by the State. This loan was fittingly named "The Lucy B. Putnam Fund." In 1930, we voted the loan known as "The Mrs. Edwin N. Canine Fund." In a recent letter, Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, State Chairman of Student Loan Funds, states, "Your District is far ahead of all other Districts in giving of Student Loans."

In only four years, 1928 to 1931, our District sales for the work of the blind totaled \$3,566.75.

Tenth District women played a part as hostesses at the 1933 International Congress of Women in Chicago. Sixty-eight of our women are members of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, four of them being charter members. On and on the chain lengthens. But let us look backward at a greater glory.

"LADY OF THE DUNES"

We adopted resolutions in 1918 toward preservation of our sand dunes along Lake Michigan, then being leveled by sand companies, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, our "Lady of the Dunes," Chairman of the Dunes Park Committee, and later, 1925-26, President of the Indiana Federation, aroused 550 Indiana clubs to the cry of "Help Save the Dunes." She worked six years on the project, the bill passing the 1923 Legislature, which saves a shore line of three miles and 2,000 acres of charming duneland.

These tangible fulfillments of dreams plus effort might never have occurred had it not been for a certain gathering of earnest women back in 1909, had it not been for that first leader and her able line of successors.

OUR HONORARY AND STATE PRESIDENTS

Tenth District takes great pride in having given Indiana two Honorary Presidents—Mrs. O. P. Kinsey and Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith. (See administrations.) Three Presidents of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs were from this District, and all from Tippecanoe County—Mrs. James H. Smart, 1893; Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, 1895 and 1906 (Mrs. Meredith, however, lived in Cambridge City while holding this office, but was a resident of West Lafayette during the latter half of her life), and Mrs. Emma Mont McRae, 1900. We have given the Indiana Federation of Clubs two Presidents—its first, 1906, Mrs. Sarah Porter Kinsey, of Valparaiso, and Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, of Gary, in 1925.

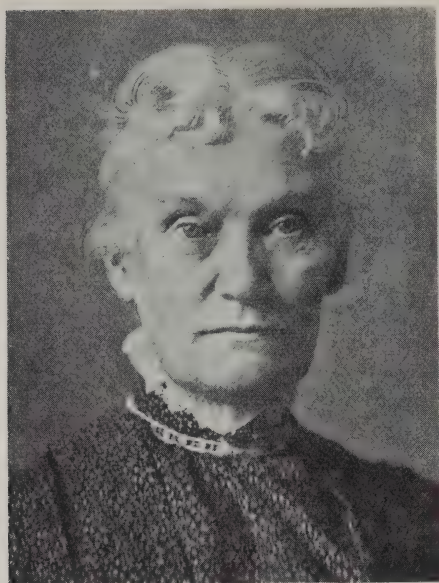
SECOND LARGEST DISTRICT IN STATE

Our District, the same as all, suffered a loss of members when Universal Membership was adopted, but we are gradually recovering the lost ground. Tenth District with 2,544 members is the second largest in the State.

We have seen our District as a tree, rooting itself firmly, expanding its trunk constitutionally, branching out departmentally, flowering socially, and bearing its sweetest fruits tangibly.

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND CONVENTION CITIES

1909	Mrs. Edith B. Griffin, Hammond.
1911	Mrs. H. V. Parry, Crown Point.
1912-13	Mrs. Frank Ross, Kentland.
1915-16	Mrs. A. O. Bondy, Valparaiso.
1917-18	Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, Crown Point.
1919-20	Mrs. H. H. Clark, East Chicago.
1921-22	Mrs. H. F. Little, Goodland.
1923-24	Mrs. William J. Rought, Whiting.
1925-26	Mrs. Irene H. Shoemaker, West Lafayette.
1927-28	Mrs. J. H. Lyman, Monon.
1929-30	Mrs. A. R. Putnam, Valparaiso.
1931-32	Mrs. Floyd T. Jones, West Lafayette.
1933-34	Mrs. Albert S. Phillips, Hobart.
1935-36	Mrs. Joseph H. Howarth, Pine Village.



Miss Alice Dunlap, Peru

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

A meeting of historic interest was held at Boyd Park, midway between Wabash and Peru, in 1907.

At the Boyd Park meeting, a Constitution and By-Laws were authorized, but no meeting was held in 1908, because of the illness of the Chairman. In 1909, however, the Constitution was finally adopted. With the exceptions of 1908 and 1913 (flood year) yearly meetings have been held, each of the seven counties acting in turn as hostess.

The initial meeting was called by the District Chairman, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, of Wabash. The State President was Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, of Valparaiso. Miss Alice Dunlap, of Peru, was elected Chairman for 1909-10. In reporting these meetings, which were all held at Boyd Park, the Secretary wrote that those who attended were greatly delighted with the informality of the gatherings, and the indications of the possible benefits to the organization from such associations.

Huntington was hostess to the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs in 1895, at which time Mrs. Virginia Claypool Meredith, Cambridge City, was the State President, and Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis,

a guest. Logansport entertained the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1903, when Miss Minnetta Theodora Taylor, of Greencastle, was State President.

DISTRICT WORK

In doing research work for the District, we find we excel in Student Loans, Fine Arts, Community and Welfare work, establishing and maintaining libraries, both in towns and rural districts. The Home Economic Clubs have cooperated with Rural Chairmen to make a stronger link between rural and urban projects. Our members have many reading credits for Epsilon Sigma Omicron. In 1926, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. W. J. Whitlock, the District won the gavel. In every line we have outstanding women, in fact most worthwhile things have been accomplished by our women's clubs.

"FIFTY-YEAR" CLUBS

The largest club in the District is the Peru Drama League, of 250 members, organized in 1911 by Miss Harriett Henton. The Marion Department Club is the largest Department Club in the District. Three clubs have celebrated their golden anniversaries—The Round Table, of Wabash, organized in 1880; The Woman's Literary Club, of Peru, organized in 1886; The Peru Reading Club, organized in 1886. All three have had continuous membership in the Federation.

Wabash maintains the only club house in the District, where Conventions and festivals are held, and while this cannot be listed under "Indiana Club Houses," since the club itself does not hold membership in the Federation, still we are happy to include it in the history of the District. Wabash County has \$400 in two Student Loans, and much of the success of this is due Mrs. E. D. Pearson, of Wabash. All clubs in Pulaski County have Student Loans.

Each county has donated to District projects. In 1935-36 the project was Cooperation for the Blind, and \$50 was sent to the Memorial Home for the Blind. For 1936-37, the District project was Student Loans, and a loan was established at the Marion Business College, in the name of the District President, Dasie Holipeter.

A successful Art Festival was held in Wabash, in 1936, and plans are completed to hold one in Peru, in April, 1937.

MEMBERSHIP

The District has 33 clubs in Universal Membership, with 1,076 members; 13 clubs affiliate with 440 members; 8 Junior clubs with 200 members. (See Year Book for list.)

During the years it has been our pleasure and privilege to have as speakers many noted men and women, who spoke on vital questions of the times, and practically all of the State Presidents have been our guests.

The present officers of the District are: President, Mrs. Frank Holipeter, Peru; Vice President, Mrs. Charles Terrell, Jonesboro; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Wellman Bruner, Wabash; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Charles Wolf, Peru.

DISTRICT WOMEN SERVING THE STATE

Mrs. O. W. Conner, Wabash, President Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, 1896.

Mrs. Eva Buttles Rohbock, Wabash, President Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, 1929-30.

Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru, President IFC 1929-30.

Mrs. R. F. Lutz.

Mrs. T. H. Bruner was at one time State Chairman of Rural Co-operation, and won honorable mention for her essay on "International Peace," at the Triennial GFWC, in Detroit.

Mrs. William Thompson.

Miss Eloise Wilson, State Chairman Penny Art Fund, 1936.

Mrs. Van J. Denny, State Chairman American Home Department, and State Secretary, Epsilon Sigma Omicron.

Mrs. R. A. Edwards, past State Secretary.

Mrs. A. Wertheim, Mrs. Riley King, Mrs. William Charters, Mrs. Rose Rife, Mrs. F. W. Troutman, Miss Harriett Henton, Mrs. Francis Winters, Mrs. Ellen Fetler, Mrs. O. U. Care, Dr. Cathcart Hughes, Mrs. George Kenny, Misses Alice and Emily Goldthwaite, Mrs. Harry Lee Beshore, Mrs. Charles Terrell.

Mrs. Anna Dunn Noland, who organized Cass County Federation, and was President of the county for about ten years.

Myra Stewart Gordon, three years State Trustee. Her musical talent makes her a valuable asset to her community, and she is most generous in her musical contributions.

Mrs. Grace Short.

Mrs. Charles Ritter was on the State Board.

Mrs. R. K. Willman was a member of the State Board, and is a patroness of the Hoosier Art Salon.

CONVENTIONS AND CONVENTION CITIES

- 1906 Mrs. J. Ballard, (Logansport) Logansport.
1907-08 Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock, (Wabash) Boyd Park.
1909-10 Miss Alice Dunlap, (Peru) Boyd Park.
1911-12 Mrs. John P. Kenower, (Huntington) Wabash.
1913 Mrs. Frank Stutesman, (Peru) no meeting during flood.
1914 Mrs. John P. Kenower, substituted for Mrs. E. M. Poiner,
(Andrews) Logansport.
1915 Mrs. Ida Strickler, (Marion) Marion.
1916-17 Mrs. James Wilson, (Wabash) Peru and Huntington.
1918-19 Mrs. Myra Stewart Gordon, (Logansport) Logansport and
Hartford City.
1920-21 Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, (Peru) Wabash and Marion.
1922-23 Miss Emily Goldthwaite, (Marion) Peru and Huntington.
1924-25 Mrs. W. J. Whitelock, (Huntington) Logansport and
Hartford City.
1926-27-28 Mrs. Walter Bent, (Wabash) Wabash.
1929-30 Mrs. F. W. Troutman, (Peru) Peru and Huntington.
1931-32 Mrs. Charles Ritter, (Hartford City) Logansport and
Wabash.
1933-34 Mrs. Harry Lee Beshore, (Marion) Hartford City and
Winamac.
1935 Mrs. Van J. Denny, (Wabash) Marion.
1936-37 Mrs. Frank Holipeter, (Peru) Peru and Huntington.



Nellie Buchanan (Mrs. J. E.), Auburn

TWELFTH DISTRICT

The women of the Twelfth District early sensed the significance of the new "Female Movement," as it spread rapidly throughout the United States. They were among the first in Indiana to organize themselves for mutual cultural benefits.

OLDEST CLUB

The oldest club in the District is The Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn, organized in 1882. The second oldest, The Woman's Reading Club of Fort Wayne, organized in 1890.

During the early years there were no District or county organizations, the work being carried on directly from the state organization to the individual club. As these pioneer clubs grew, and included in their objectives not only self-culture, but social service, they felt the need of cooperation with other clubs of like purpose and joined the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, which was organized in 1890.

THREE INDIANA UNION PRESIDENTS

Three Fort Wayne women served as President of this first state organization: Mrs. Alice P. Dryer, 1894; Miss Merica Hoagland, 1897; Mrs. Aristine Noyes Felts, 1901 (all now deceased), and Fort Wayne entertained two Conventions of the Union, 1893 and 1904.

In 1900 the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs was formed, in order that there might be a state organization that would bring Indiana club women more closely in touch with the General Federation. The Ladies' Literary Club of Auburn was one of the five clubs in the state which helped to organize this, and Mrs. Alice Lewis, Auburn, was the first First Vice President.

OUR INDIANA FEDERATION PRESIDENT

After the consolidation in Fort Wayne in 1906 of the Indiana Union and the Indiana State Federation, the Indiana Federation of Clubs, as we know it today, came into being, and in 1915, Mrs. Carolyn Randall Fairbank, of Fort Wayne, served as President. (Now deceased.)

In 1905-06 the clubs of the Federation were divided according to the Thirteen Congressional Districts of the State. Each District was presided over by an officer, at that time designated as a Vice President, who also became a member of the State Board of Managers. These Vice Presidents were nominated by the delegates of the various Districts attending the State Convention, and appointed by the President of the Federation. The following Vice Presidents were appointed: Mrs. Josephine Willis, Waterloo, 1905-06; Mrs. J. W. W. McClellan, Auburn, 1906-07; Mrs. T. R. Marshall, Columbia City, 1907-08; Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Auburn, 1908-09.

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION

The first informal Convention of which we have record was held in the Assembly room of the Allen County Court House, Fort Wayne, April 20, 1909. More than 60 out-of-town club women, besides several state officers, were in attendance as guests of The Woman's Club League of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. I. N. Taylor, Dr. Jessie Calvin and Mrs. J. N. Study were the committee in charge, and the meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, the appointed Vice President. (The title was changed to "District Chairman" at this meeting.) The subjects brought before the women were Library Extension, Home Economics and the need of a Twelfth District organization. One hundred twenty women attended the noon luncheon at the Anthony Hotel. The District Federation was

formulated the following month in Fort Wayne, and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, the appointed Vice President, was elected District Chairman. The minutes of this meeting, however, are not available.

The District Convention is held annually in one of the cities of the six counties, is attended by the club women of the District, and gives time to reports of the activities of the clubs represented. The State President, or her appointee, attends and presents the Federation ideals and objectives. The programs are informative and inspirational, well-known speakers address the Conventions on a wide range of subjects, and fine music features every program.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Between 1909 and 1926 the clubs of the six counties gradually formed county organizations, and the District officers, with the county Presidents, who constitute the District Executive Committee, hold Council meetings during the year, when State and District plans are presented and incorporated, and the annual Convention program is planned.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the District conform to those of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. In 1930 the name of "District and County Chairman" was changed to "District and County President."

The number of clubs has increased from 22, in 1910-11, to 88 in 1936. In 1930, when Universal Membership was adopted, most of the clubs became Universal Members. This number has been gradually increased until at present there are 26 Universal, 28 District and County, 27 County, 5 Junior, and 7 Affiliate clubs.

STANDING COMMITTEES

After 1909 the work of the Federation was more effectively carried on through fourteen Standing Committees, corresponding to the State organization. As new subjects for consideration and projects to be accomplished have been added, these fourteen original committees have been added to and subdivided until the District now functions under fifteen departments and ten special committees. Individual clubs, however, select only those departments which appeal to them most.

The object of the pioneer clubs was solely for self-culture. A glance at the list of textbooks which they chose for study show how courageous many of these early club women were, as most of them had received only such education as the district schools afforded. Their clubs gave to them their graduate and post-graduate courses. It seems most natural that their first endeavor in service should have been the establishment and maintenance of libraries, which would afford them, as well as the community, the information their private libraries could not supply.

ACCOMPLISHED PROJECTS

Among the earlier methods of procedure, the three following are outstanding: In LaGrange a group of club women rented a small house, furnished the fuel, kept up the fires, and took turns at keeping the rooms open, and they and others donated the books for this, their first library. They also collected a Library Fund, furnished a Committee Room in the Library, and from this beginning grew the present Carnegie Library. The club women of Auburn started a Library Fund by giving a play, the proceeds of which purchased a number of books, a small room rented, and the library was tended by the women when it was open on certain days of the week. The expenses were met by donations, bake sales, and other efforts. At the time Carnegie Libraries were being established in other communities, the club women were instrumental in calling a meeting for the purpose of securing one for Auburn, which resulted in a gift of the Eckhart Public Library from a townsman, Chas. E. Eckhart. In Churubusco a group of club women first ordered books from the State, which were put in one of the local stores for the use of members. From time to time new books were added, and through their constant effort, a tax levy was finally obtained and the dreamed-of library became a reality. Many club women of the District serve as librarians and members of library boards. Township Library Extension was obtained through the efforts of the clubs of the several counties.

Clubs early became the sponsors for lectures and Chautauquas, thereby bringing to their communities the best speakers and musicians.

Perhaps one of the most outstanding achievements of the clubs has been along the line of art. One of the first art projects of the clubs was purchasing reproductions of famous paintings and placing them in the schools. From the earliest days of the "Traveling Art Exhibits," such displays have been brought to most of the towns and cities of the District, until the communities became art-minded. A Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association was organized in Whitley County and, as a result, four pictures hang in the library in Columbia City, prizes given for having the largest number of patrons according to population. Many beautiful pictures by Indiana artists now grace homes and schools as permanent possessions.

In 1936 the State inaugurated the District Fine Arts Festivals, which consists of exhibits of Arts, Crafts, Antiques and Hobbies, and a program of music and dramatic numbers contributed by each county. Auburn was hostess in 1936, and Fort Wayne in 1937. The District assisted the Thirteenth District in holding a Hoosier Salon Exhibit Day at Lake Wawasee, in 1936, which was largely attended by club women and state officers. The exhibit was at the Spink-Wawasee Hotel during the entire summer, housed in the new Convention Hall.

The clubs encourage the writing of poetry, and choose local poets as Poets Laureate for the District.

There are a number of exclusive musical organizations in the District, and most club programs include music in some phase. Community singing is featured on the programs of clubs and at County and District Conventions. Some clubs have given pianos to schools and community buildings. McDowell Week and Shubert Centennial Week were observed.

In 1912, when publicity through newspapers was stressed, the result was a weekly column of official club news in five different papers, with club activities chronicled in all the papers of the District. The "Indiana Club Woman" has a large circulation, seven clubs having 100% subscription.

Many of the progressive health movements in the towns and cities have had their inception in the clubs. Most of the early club women were homemakers and housekeepers, and contrary to the prediction of many that their homes and families would be neglected while they were pursuing higher education in their clubs, their interest in homemaking grew to include not only their own communities, but the state. We find civic betterment claiming a large part of their interest. Realizing that their children were not safe until all the children with whom they came in contact were safe, homemaking extended to the community in securing the services of visiting nurses.

Twenty years ago the Kendallville clubs established a visiting nurse service, which still continues. DeKalb County clubs financed the salary of a county nurse, raising nearly \$900 until the County Council appropriated, at the club women's request, money to pay the salary. In Fort Wayne, the Visiting Nurse Association originated with the club women, and an emergency chest for a visiting nurse was equipped.

A group of club women in Auburn was instrumental in securing a sanitary garbage system. War against the common drinking cup resulted in the sanitary drinking fountain. In the early days a campaign against the common house fly was waged and "Swat the Fly" became the slogan. For years before the formation of local Tuberculosis Associations, clubs took charge of the sale of Christmas Seals, and the funds secured formed the nucleus of a Tuberculosis Fund. All clubs buy the Christmas Seals and many the Health Bonds. The clubs have always supported the Red Cross both in gifts and service in helping to organize the County Red Cross Chapters.

Many clubs devoted all their time to war service; others had simplified programs in connection with war activities. French and Belgian orphans were adopted by clubs and the clubs helped support the Recreation Homes in France, and practiced conservation in frugal living, home gardening and conservative buying. They gave \$1,200 to war activities in 1917-18. Other health projects included Social

Hygiene, Better Baby contests, Health Exhibits and Public Health meetings. The last health measure was the dissemination of knowledge concerning the control and the cure of the dreaded disease, "cancer." Funds were raised to promote the work of early diagnosis, this being done in conjunction with the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

The larger the city the greater the need for interest in public welfare, and so we find Allen County clubs unusually active in supporting welfare projects. A police matron was secured in Fort Wayne through the efforts of the clubs of the city; a social worker furnished for the colored people; a day nursery cares for children from six months to eight years of age during the day; \$75 was given toward building a sidewalk for Camp Christmas Seal; instrumental in securing a lot for a child's playground. A public speaking class free to club women was held, and radio talks given.

The LaGrange clubs purchased a lot adjoining the High School gymnasium to be used as a playground. They sponsored the first county welfare meeting held in Indiana, with 200 in attendance.

Rest rooms have been fitted up in several of the court houses in the District. To stimulate the Christmas spirit, the clubs contribute in work and money toward the Community Tree, and the Community Chest. They are not unmindful of those who are compelled to spend their declining years in the County Homes, and remember them not only at Christmas time with gifts, but bring cheer to them during the year with various gifts and attentions.

Realizing the importance of beautiful surroundings, city and highway beautification has received much attention. Clubs of the District, whose counties are traversed by the Lincoln Highway, are interested in beautifying it by roadside planting, removal of unsightly signboards, and moving the auto junk yards one-half mile from the highway. The Jamestown Home Economics Club of Steuben County planted 8,000 pine trees and eight bushels of walnuts in Pokagon Park, and erected several bird feeding stations. Club women early sensed the importance of State Parks, and lent their influence toward securing the Turkey Run tract and the Sand Dunes as State Parks. An effort was made by the clubs of the District to have the Limberlost Cabin and surrounding estate set aside as a State Park, but this was not accomplished. A group of Howe club women built a cement walk from the town of Howe to the cemetery, a distance of one-half mile. The LaGrange clubs beautified their cemetery. Steuben County clubs beautified the Court House grounds, and restored the original appearance of the Court House.

The clubs participated in the Centennial celebration of Indiana's Statehood in 1916, and the George Washington Bi-Centennial celebration in 1932.

The clubs have given their support to all legislation, both State and National, which was sponsored by the IFC and the GFWC.

WORK OF THE BLIND

In 1917 the first exhibition and sale of the handwork of the blind women of the State was held at a District Convention. This sale met a ready response, and the fund from the proceeds of these sales and the purchase of bonds for blind students, grew from a small beginning to \$1,197.27 in 1930, when it reached its peak, \$862.30 of which came from Allen County. The clubs of Fort Wayne assist a social worker for the blind; social meetings for the blind are held in the loveliest homes of the city, where the best talent that can be secured furnishes the program, and tickets are given them for artists' recitals. A campaign waged in Fort Wayne for the prevention of blindness was one of the most intensive carried on in the county. Allen County supplied magazines in Braille. In order that more efficient work for the blind may be accomplished, a survey of the blind in each county will be taken. In 1926-27, \$400 was given to Indiana University for the Blind Student Loan Fund.

The Student Loan Funds given by the District from 1926 to 1936 totaled \$1,056.82, with all counties contributing and Allen County on the honor roll with \$656.80.

Club extension through Junior organization has been given special emphasis since 1930, and in 1936 the District boasted the largest number of Juniors in the state. These Junior Clubs have been very active, and have done much welfare work. They held and conducted their own Junior Conventions.

DeKalb County leads the District in having a club which is 100% in its gift to the "Foundation Fund," namely, the Culture Club of Auburn. All other clubs have contributed toward this fund, including individual members.

The women of the District take great pride in the shrine of club women at the Fauntleroy Home at New Harmony, and have contributed toward its purchase and maintenance.

CLUB HOUSE

The only club maintaining a club home is the largest club in the District—The Fort Wayne Woman's Club—organized in 1899 as the Woman's Club League, becoming the Fort Wayne Woman's Club in 1925. (See club houses.)

ELECTED PRESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT

- 1909-10 Mrs. Nellie Buchanan, Auburn.
1910-12 Mrs. Edward M. Wilson, Fort Wayne.
1912-14 Mrs. C. L. Souder, Columbia City.
1914-16 Miss Clara C. Gilbert, Kendallville.
1916-17 Mrs. W. C. Ballou, LaGrange.
1917-18 Mrs. Geo. E. Beugnot, Auburn.
1918-20 Mrs. J. M. Richer, South Whitley.
1920-21 Mrs. F. B. Park, Kendallville.
1921-22 Mrs. R. L. Porterfield, Fort Wayne.
1922-23 Mrs. Hugh Osborne, Columbia City.
1923-25 Mrs. I. M. Kann, Kendallville.
1925-26 Mrs. E. O. Hall, Auburn.
1926-27 Mrs. Allan S. Courtney, Fort Wayne.
1927-30 Mrs. Glenn W. Knauss, LaGrange.
1930-33 Mrs. Willis W. Love, Angola.
1933-36 Mrs. Harry Hensel, South Whitley.
1936-38 Mrs. R. Earl Peters, Fort Wayne.

The information given here has been obtained from the early State History of the Indiana Federation, the District Secretaries' minutes and the annual reports of the Twelfth District Chairmen, as they appear in the Indiana Federation Year Books. The history of the counties was furnished by the county historians, and the history of the clubs by the club historians.

Fort Wayne Woman



Mrs. Phoebe Willey, Plymouth

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

“Association of the Clubs of the Indiana Thirteenth Congressional District” was the original name, and the object was to form an organized center for the federated work of the District.

MEMBERSHIP

The Thirteenth District is the largest in the state, having 88 clubs, with a membership of 3,520. It was organized in 1909 by Mrs. Phoebe Willey, of Plymouth, who was the first Chairman, and the first Convention was held in Plymouth. Plans had been previously made and a Chairman appointed for each county. We were federated the same year. Then, as now, the District consisted of seven counties, including Pulaski, which was later replaced by LaPorte County.

The officers consisted of a District Chairman, elected at the Convention of the Indiana Federation, and a Secretary appointed by said District Chairman. Parliamentary usage of Women's Clubs by Mrs. Emma A. Fox was adopted to govern the proceedings of the Association. Mrs. Willey, now deceased, was in truth the one who “blazed the trail” of organization in this District.

Mrs. Richard Elbel, of South Bend, followed as Chairman, and found that the work of organization so well begun was in need of continual strengthening, inasmuch as the benefits to be derived were so little understood by the clubs at large. Since there was no provision for financial support, those who were willing to work had to assume this responsibility. All of the work was new, and transportation was difficult, for the women did not as yet have the automobile to take them places.

The second Convention was held at Winona Lake, and was a great success, having an afternoon and an evening session. Among the worthwhile resolutions passed was one to encourage women's clubs to assume the responsibility of seeing that a public library be established in each city and town which did not have one. Again that health departments be approved to the end that food adulterations, short weights, and fraudulent labels be suppressed. At this time there were 24 clubs with 930 members.

Mrs. W. W. Reed, of Warsaw, served as District Chairman for three years. Although pioneering in federation, her administration showed a decided gain in interest and club spirit. Her main projects were: child welfare, playground equipment, public health, and civics. The third and fourth Conventions were held at Winona Lake, the fifth at Mishawaka. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Reed for her untiring labor and devotion, and loyal service in her work to make the Thirteenth District rank high in state work, was tendered by her District. She was a brilliant and forceful Chairman, and with the passing of this woman, the District and state lost a valuable leader in club work.

COUNTY ORGANIZATION

Mrs. W. O. Vallette was the next Chairman, and held the sixth Convention at Goshen, her home city, and the seventh in Michigan City. Her chief work was to get the counties organized, and to interest the women sufficiently to perfect such organization. The observance of the Indiana Centennial was stressed, and the women endorsed the plan for the purchase of Turkey Run as the first unit of a proposed system of State Parks, and the preservation of the Indiana sand dunes.

Mrs. Henry A. Barnhart, of Rochester, served as Chairman of the District for two years. The eighth Convention was held at LaPorte, and the ninth at Rochester. Mrs. Barnhart continued the work of organizing the counties, and succeeded in a complete county organization, to the end that every county in the District had a county Chairman, and a state federated club. During one year eleven clubs joined the State Federation. Her special project was to organize clubs in each county, and then bring them into the state. Some war projects, as conservation of food and thrift measures, were carried out.

Mrs. John E. Winn, of La Porte, served but one year as Chairman.

During her administration the District voted its endorsement of the purchase of the Old Fauntleroy Home by IFC, which has become the shrine of Indiana club women.

17 NEW CLUBS—ALL NEW HIGH

In 1921 Mrs. George W. Phillips, of South Bend, became the Chairman. No greater record of achievement has been made by any other Chairman, and we doubt if a better or finer record will be made by anyone in the District. She received the gavel for bringing the largest number of clubs into the Indiana Federation. The number was 17, and this is the largest number ever brought in by any Chairman of the District. Nine of these clubs were from her own county. Rural and Home Economic Clubs received much encouragement, as well as civic improvement and the dunes project. The eleventh Convention was held in Mishawaka, and the twelfth in Warsaw.

TWO-DAY CONVENTION

At this latter Convention, Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Warsaw, was elected Chairman, and served for two years. The thirteenth Convention was held in Akron, and the fourteenth in Michigan City, a two-day session, the first of this duration ever having been held. One of the first acts of the administration was the revision of the Constitutions of the seven counties to conform to those of the District and State. We were called upon for subscriptions to the Near-East, Red Cross and Riley Memorial Hospital. The Fauntleroy Home Fund was featured as a main project, and the District showed \$1,455.28 paid to date. Much attention was given to organizing Junior clubs, which won the Junior gavel for the District from the state. All state projects were promoted, and "federation all the way through" was the slogan. Inspirational county Conventions were held in all counties, showing 100% organization. Cooperation for the blind, and sale of articles made by the blind, was one of the projects. Conservation of natural resources received considerable attention.

Mrs. E. S. Webster (deceased), of South Bend, served two years as Chairman. She stressed all projects of the Indiana Federation, especially the subscriptions to the Club Woman Magazine. Interest in health values, family budget, reciprocity, Fauntleroy Home, and child welfare increased. Mrs. Webster kept close supervision over the work of the departments, and gave full credit to the counties and individuals who were active in the federation. The fifteenth Convention was held in La Porte, and the sixteenth in South Bend. Later Mrs. Webster met a tragic death while driving her car in South Bend.

Mrs. Francis M. Neff, Milford, was the next Chairman, and served two terms of one year each. We were urged to organize more clubs, and bring them into the federation. Universal Membership was preached at every Convention. We did gain many new clubs, and won the Junior

gavel. Art Exhibits were held in St. Joseph and LaPorte Counties. Interesting reciprocity meetings were held in many of the clubs. Sale of articles made by the blind was sponsored, as were all other projects of Indiana Federation. The seventeenth Convention was held in Knox, and the eighteenth in Plymouth.

Miss Alice Yeakel, of Knox, followed Mrs. Neff as Chairman, and makes the following statement concerning her administration: "At the beginning of our two years we stressed the advantages of the Federation, with the pleasing result that we held practically all of our clubs that were members, induced others to join, and paved the way for sister clubs coming into the fold." Another aim was the payment of club dues promptly, and we point with pride to our record along this line; also to the fact that Blue Blanks were returned on time. Much money was spent on club projects, which during the second year totaled \$7,564.75 in cash, which is no mean showing for club women to collect and disburse. The nineteenth Convention was held in Warsaw, and the twentieth in Nappanee.

MEMBERSHIP

For the next two years Mrs. Claude S. Steele, of Knox, served the District as President. At this time the title of this office, as well as that of the County Chairman, was changed from "Chairman" to "President." The entire District organization stressed one main project during these two years, namely to build up Universal Membership, following the recent loss in members, caused by the financial depression, and the adoption of that form of membership. This work was successful to the degree that the District held its place as the largest District in the state. Outstanding work of this administration included leadership in the state in Indiana Club Woman subscriptions, in sale of work made by the blind, and in institute programs and tree planting. A survey was made of foreign-born women, to interest them in club work. The amount of \$65 was appropriated to build and equip a cabinet in the Minerva Parlor of the Old Fauntleroy Home, in which to display historical gowns.

"FEDERATION DAY"

The Winona Federation Day of Kosciusko County, for the women of the District, was extended to the state organization, with the Thirteenth District as hostess. A new District Constitution was adopted, and an appropriation made to pay postage of department Chairmen. At the last Council meeting of this regime an invitation was given Indiana Federation to hold its Convention of 1933 in South Bend, with the District as hostess. The twenty-first Convention was in Rochester, and the twenty-second in La Porte.

Mrs. William I. Ellison, Winona Lake, succeeded Mrs. Steele as President, and by virtue of her office was appointed to serve as Chair-

man of arrangements for the 44th State Convention, which was held in South Bend, October 24, 25, 26, 1933. Women from each county of the District were appointed to serve on various committees. A pageant was written and presented by Mrs. Ellison, assisted by women of the District, on the second night of the Convention. Routine work and business connected with this administration showed a splendid increase.

FIVE STATE PRIZES

In the second year of this administration, five prizes were won and brought home from the State Convention. One for the most new clubs in Universal Membership, eight in number; another for the most new clubs in all classes, fifteen in number, which was second to the greatest number brought into the state in a single year; another for the greatest amount in the sale of goods made by the blind; another for the greatest number of subscriptions for the Club Woman Magazine; another for one of the earliest return of Blue Blanks. Honorable mention was made of the District Directory, which was compiled and sent in on time scheduled. The twenty-third Convention was held in Mishawaka, and the twenty-fourth in Warsaw.

"FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM"

Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, South Bend, was the next President. The work during her administration was as follows: Aid for the blind in purchasing Talking Books, and providing special aid in many ways; arranging and presenting a Fine Arts Festival in the Progress Club of South Bend, at which works of Art from the District were exhibited, and programs stressing Music and Literary efforts were presented. The fight on communism was a definite project of the District. Each club reported having had at least one program, and in most instances many programs concerning this subject. Much work was done along this line, particularly in educating the members so they could in turn carry on. The twenty-fifth Convention was held at South Bend, and the twenty-sixth at Hamlet.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

At the time this history is being prepared, the President of the District is Mrs. Lee R. Kellam, of Culver. Mrs. Kellam, besides leading her District in all projects of the Federation, has two splendid projects which she is sponsoring, namely: child friendship, and public safety. The clubs are incorporating these subjects in their programs. In her addresses delivered at the County Conventions on "The Open Road," Mrs. Kellam has given many valuable suggestions on program building. The twenty-seventh Convention was held in Plymouth. Splendid county choruses have been organized in each county, and have furnished delightful music at the County Conventions. A District Art Festival was held at the Civic Auditorium, in La Porte, on March 17, 1937, with 160 club women in attendance. The exhibit was a loan collection of 50 pictures from the Hoosier Salon Galleries, in Chicago,

shown through the courtesy of the La Porte County Arts and Crafts Association. Each county President was asked to have an exhibit in connection with the County Conventions, which was done.

WINONA'S GIFT TO CLUB WOMEN

State Federation Day, at Winona Lake, was first sponsored by the District in 1930, and since that time has been a District project. On this particular day each year, the Winona Management opens the gates to the club women of Indiana, and extends to them a hearty invitation to enjoy the park and the programs free of charge. It is Winona's gift to club women. Mrs. Wm. I. Ellison, who has served each year as Chairman of this Federation Day, is now permanent Chairman.

Besides having been District Presidents, the following have held state offices in the Indiana Federation:

Mrs. W. W. Reed, Second Vice President.

Mrs. Henry A. Barnhart, Trustee.

Mrs. George W. Phillips, Trustee.

Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, Second Vice President.

Mrs. Claude Steele, Trustee and Second Vice President.

Mrs. William I. Ellison, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. Beulah Parks Frazer, Warsaw (deceased), served as Vice President of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, in 1898, which met at Bloomington.

Mrs. Wm. A. Conrad, Warsaw, served as First Vice President of the Indiana Federation when the District was organized.

"FIFTY-YEAR" CLUBS

There are two federated clubs in the District more than 50 years old, and they are both in Warsaw: The Warsaw Reading Club, organized in 1880, and federated in 1897; The Zerelda Reading Club, organized in 1886, and federated in 1896.

The next oldest club is The Saturday Club of Plymouth, organized in 1888, and federated in 1894.

As Chairman of Publicity, Mrs. Harold G. Lawrance, of Winona Lake, did a special service for Indiana Federation. Mrs. Lawrence E. Carvey, of Plymouth, also served in this capacity.

South Bend is considered an Art and Music center of the northern part of the state.

Thirteenth District has presented all of its Presidents with General Federation pin.

CLUB HOUSES

Thirteenth District boasts of four club houses—The Progress Club, South Bend, which is the largest club in the District, and one of the largest in the state; The Mishawaka Woman's Club; The Riley Woman's Club, of Lakeville, and the Clay and Harris Home Economics Club, of South Bend. (See Club Houses.)

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Indiana Federation of Clubs

Educational and Student Loan Funds.

Epsilon Sigma Omicron.

Hoosier Salon.

Hoosier Program Bureau.

Indiana Clubwoman Magazine.

Old Fauntleroy Home.

Program Building.

Reciprocity.

Educational and Student Loan Funds

The history and growth of Student Loan Funds reflects the interest of Indiana club women in the young women of the state. In creating these funds, to help worthy girls through college, club women have expressed their belief that character and intelligence are the forces most needed in our young leaders to meet the problems and complexities of this changing world.

THE BEGINNING

During the administration of Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, in 1910, the Loan Scholarship Fund—later known as Educational Loan Fund—was instituted at the Richmond Convention on the recommendation of Miss Georgia Mitchusson, of Bedford, Chairman of the Education Committee.

On the 17th of September, 1914, during Miss Vida Newsom's administration, three Trustees—Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Mrs. Eva B. Rohbock and Mrs. James P. Goodrich—offered to President William Lowe Bryan, of Indiana University, and to President W. E. Stone, of Purdue University, the sum of \$300 to establish Educational Loan Funds at these institutions. From Mrs. Meredith's letter to President Bryan, sent in duplicate to President Stone, we take the following: "... The conditions which we should require are—first, that loans be made to women only and preferably to those in the senior class, and second, that you would make to this Board of Trustees, on October 1st of each year, or upon request, a statement of the loans made, etc."

In reply President Bryan wrote in part to Mrs. Meredith: "We shall take great pleasure in administering this fund strictly in accordance with the conditions laid down. We will guard the fund in order that other girls may have the same help later. We think it wise to require one good name, and to charge 3% interest, the interest to go toward increasing the capital sum. . . . It is my judgement that this is one of the best possible ways of helping deserving students." And from President Stone's letter: "I shall be glad to receive this (\$300) under the terms and conditions named and report to you as requested, upon the use of the funds and its desirability.

"We make these loans exclusively to seniors for the reason that these are students concerning whom we have full information, and also for the reason that seniors are able to repay the money in a short time and thus make it available for other students.

"We make these loans usually in amounts of \$100 each for which the student gives a note with endorsement, the principal payable in 15 months after graduation with interest at 3%.

"In my opinion no form of assistance to students is more satisfactory than this. Students do not wish charity but assistance."

Contracts were signed by the two universities, outlining the details of management, so wise and forward looking that they formed the basis of the Student Loan Funds Plan, which was established later. The colleges agreed: "It is expressly understood that this sum of \$300 is to be and remain the property of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, and upon request and reasonable notice, this amount or the notes in evidence of loans made therefrom shall be returned to said Indiana Federation of Clubs through its Secretary. Any loans made from this fund are to be known and designated as made from the Educational Loan Fund of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, and report of loans are to be promptly made to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. The collection of all notes for such loans is to be done by the proper officer of Indiana University having charge of this matter."

These Educational Loan Funds have been added to by gift and increased by the interest accruing, until they now total \$2,661.63 at Indiana University, and \$2,480.90 at Purdue University.

While the Educational Loan Funds had made a splendid beginning, their future seemed destined for a rather slow growth, and those interested in the educational program of the Federation desired to further some plan that would increase our funds more rapidly, thus giving aid to a much larger group of worthy college students, and give our State Federation a higher rank among the other State Federations that had been featuring student loans as a major activity.

In 1923 Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan was appointed Chairman of the Department of Education. She began a detailed study of the general plan advocated by the GFWC and those in operation in several State Federations. Meantime a careful study was made of the method of administering our own Educational Loan Fund (see above contract), and our former State officials should be commended for having established this very fine plan, which differed from that of other federations. This Educational Loan Fund plan seemed an excellent method of handling funds and, accordingly, Mrs. Sheehan worked out a plan on a larger scale, which would include all leading Indiana colleges and permit the individual club woman, the Club, the County or District Federation to establish a fund of its own, to select the college where the fund should be placed and designate the name of the fund.

A NEW PLAN

In 1925 when Mrs. Sheehan became President of IFC, at her request the Executive Committee approved the outline of the plan and appointed Mrs. Charles S. Coons of Gary to work with her to put the plan into operation. The following year the name of the committee, of which Mrs. J. M. Thistlethwaite, Sheridan, was the first Chairman, was changed from the Scholarship Loan Committee to the Educational

Loan Committee. It should be borne in mind that this committee never had any jurisdiction over the Educational Loan Fund managed by the Trustees of our Federation, which consists of State Federation funds and is limited to two funds only, one at Indiana University and one at Purdue University. At this time these funds were increased to \$1,000 each.

The trust agreement for the new plan was drawn up by Judge Frank J. Sheehan, Referee of the Juvenile Court of Lake County. The colleges were eager to evidence their desire to cooperate by signing the required agreement quickly. As soon as the project was announced to our club women it was received with great interest and enthusiasm. In the few months remaining during the first year, a total amount of \$350 was received.

Since requests kept coming from colleges for more funds, a contest was launched in 1929, which provided that the State Federation would present a \$50 loan fund as an award to the District acquiring the greatest number of funds during the club year of 1929-30. This award was won by the 10th District under the leadership of Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam, Valparaiso. Sixth District ran so very close that an award was made this District also. During this contest \$2,663.50 was added to the student loans.

Mrs. Coons served as Chairman of this Committee for eight years. At the end of this time, October, 1933, 21 colleges of the State were working with the Federation on this plan and a total amount of \$10,101.67 had been paid by the \$50 loan plan. The interest paid in to Mrs. Coons from all colleges during the eight years was \$1,017.91. One loan had been re-established from this interest and the balance had been added to the Educational Loan Funds of the IFC.

In 1933 Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru, was appointed Chairman of the Student Loan Funds Committee. The President, Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, appointed a committee composed of Dean Mary L. Matthews, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan and Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam, including the President, to assist Mrs. Miller in making a survey of all loans in colleges. The result of this survey was most gratifying. Colleges expressed their appreciation of the interest of club women in creating these loan funds; they reported the loans active and that many more applications for assistance from worthy needy students were received than could be granted. It was decided to include no longer in the annual report to the Federation, the record of funds administered locally--such funds totaling at the time \$17,992.53. Under Mrs. Miller's chairmanship Student Loan Funds were increased to \$12,602.73.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Miss Evelyn Craig, Vevay, succeeded Mrs. Miller as Chairman in 1936. At this time the Committee was taken from the Department of

Education, where it had been since its establishment, and was made a Special Committee, with a member from each District.

Contributions from clubs this year show the "constant and continued interest" in the project that Mrs. Meredith urged. One thousand three dollars and forty-one cents, the largest amount given in any year in the last six years, having been contributed, bringing the total at the present time to \$13,606.14.

Nineteen colleges are receiving funds and ninety students received assistance during the past year.

The administration of the Federation loan funds through the colleges has been very successful. These Educational and Student Loan Funds aggregating \$18,748.67 are held in trust by the colleges of the State whose wise management has kept the funds intact, and has resulted in helping hundreds of young women—deserving students—to finish their college education and become self-supporting. Only three funds have been lost, the one replaced by the Federation from interest on loans—the other two were replaced this year by the colleges that had made the unfortunate loans. This fine record should assure Indiana club women of the permanence of their Student Loan Funds and give them the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping to add to the sum total of educated young womanhood in the State.

The following are the Student Loan Funds given by Districts from 1926 to 1937:

First	\$ 593.00	Seventh	\$ 643.00
Second	976.00	Eighth	213.00
Third	650.00	Ninth	818.75
Fourth	1,000.00	Tenth	2,440.25
Fifth	1,132.00	Eleventh	1,442.01
Sixth	1,382.15	Twelfth	1,096.82
Thirteenth	\$1,104.48		

During the same time loans have been placed at the following colleges: Ball State Teachers College, 13 funds; Butler University, 7 funds; Central Business College, 1 fund; Central Normal College, 2 funds; DePauw, 3 funds; Earlham College, 9 funds; Evansville College, 4 funds; Franklin, 3 funds; Hanover, 6 funds; Indiana Central College, 1 fund; Indiana State Teachers, 21 funds; Indiana University, 55 funds; Manchester College, 7 funds; Marion Business College, 3 funds; Oakland City College, 4 funds; Purdue, 25 funds; Taylor University, 1 fund; Valparaiso University, 2 funds; Vincennes University, 1 fund.

The Honor Roll Funds—\$225 and above—are as follows: Twelfth District, Allen County, \$681.80; Wabash County Federation, \$450; Indianapolis Monday Club, \$393; Greene County Federation, \$355; Second District Federation, \$401; Madison Current Event Club, \$325;

Fourth District Federation, \$350; Mitchell Fleur-de-Lis Club, \$350; Tenth District Federation, \$300; Tippecanoe County Federation Virginia C. Meredith Fund, \$246; Eighth District Federation, \$230; Jackson County Federation, \$225; Marion Delphian Club, \$225. (A number of Student Loan Funds are administered locally.)

STUDENT LOAN FUND PLAN

Any individual, or Club, County or District organization may establish its own loan fund by paying not less than \$50 to any Indiana College that the club may choose. The payments may be made in two yearly installments of \$25 each.

The money is given in trust to the college and is the club's own fund. The club chooses the college at which it wishes to establish its loan and also selects a name by which its fund may be known.

Checks are made payable to the college selected and are sent to the Student Loan Chairman. She gives the club credit on the records of the Federation and sends the check to the designated college with instructions. The club names its fund and the fund is the club's own.

These loan funds are lent to worthy students, preferably to juniors and seniors, who give a promissory note which bears 3% interest until maturity and 5% thereafter.

The interest reverts to the treasury of the Federation and is used to reimburse any funds that may be lost, thus assuring the permanence of funds.

Any individual or club that does not wish to invest in a complete loan, may contribute sums of any amount to a State Student Loan Fund, whose name and college designated may be chosen at the State Convention.

For Wayne Woman's Club



Mrs. Quincey A. Myers, Perrysville (Newport),
Organizer and First President

Epsilon Sigma Omicron

The organization of an honor society under the sponsorship of the Indiana Federation to promote continued education by systematic reading and correspondence study was a pioneering venture under the administration of Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, President, 1925-27.

"After our own Fifth District Convention," writes Mrs. Quincey A. Myers, April, 1926, "I wrote Mrs. Sheehan concerning a plan to induce a wider and wiser use of our public libraries, and she at once became interested. With her encouragement, I began working earnestly on a simple library 'hook-up' for home study which might prove feasible for club women. Consultation with friends who were in educational work, communications from the U. S. Commissioner of Education, and the Executive Secretary of the American Library Association regarding home reading and study projects, gradually built up a fund of information. Mrs. Sheehan's one requisite in endorsing my embryo plan was that it be so lined, officially, with Indiana University, or some other State Agency as to make our women feel that their efforts would be a real step in educational development.

"THE INDIANA PLAN"

"With this paramount thought in mind, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Chairman of Reciprocity (IFC), who was also connected with the Extension Division of Indiana University, was invited to join us in our conferences. The three of us met several times in Indianapolis. Mrs. Burke was a most helpful conferee. Her original suggestions, her straight thinking, and her knowledge of the facilities of the Extension Division of Indiana University for the handling of such a project as we were hoping to establish, were all very valuable. Realizing something of the magnitude of the added work which might incur to the Extension Division, frequent references were made to W. S. Bittner, Associate Director of the Extension Division of Indiana University. His advice and assistance were very great factors in the development of the home study idea which later came to be known as 'The Indiana Plan.'"

CLUB STUDY COURSES

October 8, 1926, a new committee, then called Club Study Courses, was officially created by the Board of IFC, and placed under the Department of Education. Membership in a Greek letter society was to become a goal of honor and, as an inducement to club extension, only women belonging to Federated clubs were to be permitted to enroll for the sorority honor. The curriculum was to consist of the reading courses of the U. S. Bureau of Education taken as a standard supplemented by reading courses prepared by Indiana University and a complete list of correspondence courses offered by the Extension Division. Later, by special arrangement with the University for administration, the American Library Association "Reading With a Purpose Series" was added, and still later, some courses prepared by Mary L. Matthews, Dean of the School of Home Economics, Purdue University. The administration of all these courses, the keeping of records and the issuing of certificates was to be done by the Extension Division of Indiana University free of charge. (Later, 1931, it was found expedient to charge a small fee for the service.) A definite amount of work—four courses of reading or four semester hours of University credit by correspondence were required for the honor of membership. The work was to be done at home and there were no scholastic requirements for the beginning of the courses. It was to be a non-social, non-secret society whose sole aim was self-culture.

"ENLIGHTEN YOUR OWN PATHWAY"

With the approval of Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Chairman of the Department of Education, and Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Chairman of the Division of Adult Education (IFC), the tentative plan of the honor society under a temporary name was presented to the club women of the State in the March-April, 1927, number of the Indiana Club

Woman. Soon after, the slogan, ENLIGHTEN YOUR OWN PATHWAY, was selected and translated into Greek. The initial letters (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) of this motto in Greek were then chosen as our permanent sorority name.

At the next annual convention, October, 1927, which closed Mrs. Sheehan's term of office, a resolution was passed adopting the general plan of Epsilon Sigma Omicron, and its affairs were left in the hands of a new President of IFC, who was to be assisted by a committee of her own selection. Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle was elected President and appointed the following to assist her in the nurture of this new work: Mrs. Elmer B. Funk, new Chairman of Education; Mrs. Quincey A. Myers, new Chairman of Adult Education; Mrs. Robert E. Burke, Chairman of Reciprocity, and Mrs. W. R. Davidson, retiring Chairman of Adult Education, who was at that time President of the Indiana Branch of the American Association of University Women. A constitution was prepared and a few changes made in the policy of the society. Mrs. Hinkle presented this new educational project at every District Convention in the spring of 1928 and deserves much credit for getting a thorough understanding of it before the women of the State.

On first examination of the plan, one is struck by the small amount of work for which an honor is given, but that is not the ultimate end. By closer understanding the huge idea of ESO is found to be continuous education as long as opportunity lasts.



ESO ORGANIZATION

At the annual convention, October, 1928, a closer organization of the society was effected. Mrs. Elmer B. Funk presided at the special session at which the Constitution was adopted and officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Quincey A. Myers; Vice President, Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan; Secretary, Mrs. Nettie A. Downey; Treasurer, Mrs. Edith M. Pfaffenberger. Insignia designed by Bertha Lacey, an Indiana artist, was accepted, and our official jewelers, Burr, Patterson and Auld, of Detroit, were selected.

In addition to the Past Presidents of the State Federation, who by virtue of their office were made members of ESO, six women had qualified by study for membership, namely: Nettie A. Downey, South Bend; Edith Pfaffenberger, Seymour; Mona Ramsey, Switz City; Frida Hannum, Switz City; Mrs. R. S. Truitt, Noblesville; Cora L. Myers, Perrysville; but it was unanimously agreed that all who qualified before the next annual convention should be enrolled as charter members. When that time came, 39 names were on our records besides the names of our Past Presidents. Lists of names of the subsequent classes may be found in the successive Year Books of IFC. "By vote of the ESO body in convention assembled, Mrs. Robert E. Burke, of the Extension Division of Indiana University, was accorded active membership in the Sorority and the privilege of adding the guard to the pin." During the year 1929 we were saddened by the death of our Treasurer, Mrs. Pfaffenberger of Seymour, and Mrs. R. J. Barbour of the same city was chosen to take her place.

NATIONAL SORORITY

In the year 1930, ESO was incorporated as a National sorority and the Indiana society became the Alpha Chapter. The officers of the Alpha Chapter were to function as the National officers also, until a National convention could be held.

The expressive sorority CREST which Miss Bertha Lacey had been asked to prepare, was accepted by the National society.

Also in the year 1930, Washington State Federation under the able leadership of Mrs. Constance Hoig, adopted the plan, organized, obtained a charter under the National Constitution, and became the Beta Chapter. Their courses are administered by the State College at Pullman, Washington.

FIRST NATIONAL CONVENTION

The first National Convention was held in Seattle in 1932, and was attended by the National President. Her far-away Washington sisters had arranged for a delightful convention which was held the same week and in the same city as the GFWC Biennial. At this Convention the Indiana President was re-elected. Mrs. Constance Hoig became Vice President, Mrs. Nettie A. Downey, Indiana, was re-elected Secretary and Mrs. E. P. Harman, Washington, was elected Treasurer. Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan and Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, of Indiana, and Mrs. B. E. Templeton, Washington, were elected a Board of Trustees for the next Biennial.

At their Seattle Convention, 1932, the GFWC changed from a Biennial to a Triennial, with two intervening Council Meetings. This made our ESO Biennial come at the time of the GFWC Council,

which was held at Hot Springs, Ark. Since every member of ESO was, perforce, a member of the GFWC body, it was considered only fair that our national meetings should come at the time and place of the GFWC's largest assembly, which now was a Triennial Convention. Consequently, at Hot Springs we amended our National Constitution so that we, too, would hold a Triennial, and all officers were carried over another year. The President, Secretary, and many other Indiana women attended this Hot Springs meeting.

During the intervening two years, Minnesota had become our Gamma Chapter under the leadership of Mrs. John J. Louis, and Oklahoma, led by Mrs. J. H. Dale, had received our Delta Chapter. The following year our Epsilon Chapter was established in Maryland by Mrs. Rudolph S. Allen. In 1934 we became an affiliated member of the GFWC.

In June, 1935, a large number of Indiana women attended both the GFWC and the ESO Triennials at Detroit, Michigan, many being delegates to both bodies. Delegates also from the other four chapters were present at our sorority business meeting at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, before the hour of opening of the GFWC session. The Triennial election resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E. E. Cowan, Washington; Vice President, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Indiana; Secretary, Mrs. John J. Louis, Minnesota; Treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Harman, Washington; Trustees, Mrs. Rudolph Allen, Maryland; Mrs. Dallas Lewter, Oklahoma; Mrs. Quincey A. Myers, Indiana.

Mrs. Henley, our first member-at-large, who qualified by correspondence courses of Iowa University, and who was President of the Iowa State Federation, was also present.

Faithful women have served these several chapters. The successive Presidents of our own Alpha have been: Mrs. R. J. Barbour, Seymour; Mrs. W. H. Polk, Indianapolis; Mrs. Fred Bell, Rushville. Each has been faithful to the constitution and each has added something fine to chapter activities.

From the response to the plan by Indiana women and by those of other states, we are justified in believing that an actual goal for club study with a definite honor to all who reach it, is an inspiration to greater personal effort which will enrich the life, not only of the individual, but also that of her entire community and Federation.

Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association

The value of art to the people of Indiana has been well demonstrated by the work of the Daughters of Indiana in Chicago, during the 13 years of the organization of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association by annual exhibition and by many sales of the artists' work. In its conception and breadth the results have reached both artist and people, at home and abroad, with an understanding message that has proven beneficial. The 1937 Salon was a pronounced success in the quality of the exhibit, the attendance and sales consummated.

The first exhibit was held in 1925. The organization developed during the second Salon in 1926. Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan was President of the Indiana Federation that year and gave her hearty support to the new work though it had no connection with the Federation.

The first resolution of endorsement by the Federation was presented by Mrs. John T. Wheeler, when the convention met in Indianapolis in 1931. Be It Resolved, That the Indiana Federation acknowledge the fine contribution of the Hoosier Salon to the cultural development of Indiana and urge the clubs to support this organization by making their Presidents members of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association. (Which had been made by Mrs. S. E. Perkins.) A second similar endorsement was given the work in 1933.

The Hoosier Salon Program since 1935 has carried a page entitled: "The Indiana Federation of Clubs." For a number of years the President and a group of club women have attended the Salon exhibit and had luncheon in the Wedgewood room of Marshall Fields, where the Exhibit is held.

The following clubs made their Presidents Patrons:

Indiana Federation of Clubs (2).....	Indianapolis
Lake County Federation.....	East Chicago
Vanderburg County Federation.....	Evansville
Darlington Club.....	Darlington
Decatur Woman's Club.....	Decatur
Fort Wayne Woman's Club.....	Fort Wayne
Woman's Department Club.....	Indianapolis
East Chicago Woman's Club.....	East Chicago
Woman's Department Club (Art Dept.).....	Indianapolis
Woman's Department Club (Art Dept.).....	Terre Haute
Woman's Department Club.....	Terre Haute
Woman's Club.....	Crown Point
Woman's Club.....	Valparaiso
Coterie.....	Fort Wayne
Pro-To Literary Club.....	Fort Wayne
Art League.....	Peru
Students Art League.....	Muncie
Wabash River Sketch Club.....	Covington
Ladies of the Round Table.....	Bedford

Hoosier Program Bureau

First steps to establish the Hoosier Program Bureau in Indiana were taken during the presidency of Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, 1927-29. After being inducted into office, she attended a preview of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association, Chicago, and appeared on the program. She was so impressed with the great accomplishments in the interests of Art, with some attention paid to Literature, that she made a strong plea that the third Art, Music, be included. In May following her visit, she was made Fourth Vice President of the Hoosier Salon Patrons' Association and was asked to prepare the plan.

After completing her term of President, IFC, the greater part of the next year was given to conferences in New York, Boston, Chicago, and all over Indiana, with college presidents, music school heads, booking bureaus, etc. The result of the year's effort was the launching of the Bureau, September, 1930. It came into being with a

SEVEN-FOLD PURPOSE

1. To promote Hoosier accomplishments at home and abroad.
2. To raise the standard of music appreciation in Indiana by presenting performers of marked ability at moderate prices.
3. To bring to organizations who hire talent an audition of musicians, lecturers and entertainers, to insure selections meeting their needs.
4. To give to the performers the opportunity of a short demonstration of his program before a buying audience.
5. To stimulate an interest in Indiana composers and their creative work.
6. To encourage, advise, and aid toward a successful career, students possessing special musical talent.
7. To cooperate with all agencies which seek to further the interests of American music and musicians.

Since music so often is just a part of a program, and since many people prefer a varied offering, it was decided to include lecturers, dramatic readers, and entertainers, quoting prices for part as well as whole programs.

Originally Club Presidents and Program Chairmen of organizations paid a membership fee to the Bureau for the privilege of attending the auditions. However, this has now been dispensed with, the Bureau depending upon the \$5 fee paid by each artist appearing on an audition program and the philanthropic support of Patrons, Honorary Members, Contributors and Sustaining Members.

Stated auditions are held in Indianapolis where members may hear those who have been accepted by the Audition Committee. A six-minute demonstration of a program is given by the musician or entertainer. The cost is announced. Buyer and seller then complete their arrangements independent of the Bureau. Aside from the sponsoring by the Indiana Federation, other organizations lending their cooperation include The Indiana Federation of Music Clubs, the music schools of Indiana, music departments of our colleges and universities, and the National Music League of New York.

The Talent List contains the names of our State's artistic celebrities. DePauw University officially put on one entire program, and the individual roll call is responded to by the names of those who have brought renown to a State known for its artistic achievements.

The Bureau now is in its seventh year. Fully 300 have appeared on audition programs, and, from students to finished artists, have demonstrated the offerings they sought to sell—a Godsend to many. It also has been a great help to all organizations which have made use of this service.

The Indiana Federation became a Patron in 1931 and has continued each year in that capacity. It was made a special project of the Federation by resolution in 1932.

Mrs. Hinkle has been assisted in the arduous duties as Head of the Bureau by Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, who is in charge at the present time.

Indiana Clubwoman Magazine

The thought of publicity by way of a special organ for the Indiana Federation of Clubs, came late to the minds of the women who were promoting Federation ideas and programs. In the early days of organized clubs, about the only press accounts of their meetings were unfavorable. Some papers even went so far as to declare the woman's club a menace to the American Home.

Enthusiasm for the Federation and the realization that clubs were forming in large numbers, influenced the leaders to seek diligently for some manner in which to inform the public concerning the various phases of club life. Informed clubs were needed to increase the effectiveness of the Federation.

"The Indianapolis Star" published a weekly club column edited by Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke. This feature, together with the annual Year Books and a few leaflets, constituted the sole publicity of the Indiana Federation of Clubs.

When war was declared, in 1917, the Government and the Red Cross, in looking for organized groups to take over war work that only women can do, discovered that clubs were the most available and willing of all organizations. Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, President of the GFWC, was made a member of the National Council of Defense, and Mrs. Clark Fairbank was given the same honor in the State. The work of the club groups was so superior that recognition of the value of the club movement came almost over night. Newspapers became interested in local clubs and gave space to their happenings; numerous papers carried club columns each week.

Mrs. Fairbank received encouragement to use the club columns not alone to record the social side of club life, but to exploit the Department work of the Federation. During her administration she appointed Mrs. Nettie A. Downey to handle the publicity in the State and to act as Indiana editor for the GFWC magazine.

Mrs. John E. Moore, the next President, named Miss Lena Shannon Publicity Chairman, and she furnished club notes, also, to many papers throughout the State. Mrs. Ruth Herman, who followed Miss Shannon, reported to the 1918 Convention that she had supplied 854 bulletins to Indiana newspapers during the year.

The General Federation magazine, carrying pages of news about Federation affairs, had been published for several years, but was privately owned and edited. In 1918, the General Federation bought the magazine but it was too pretentious for them to maintain. In 1920, Mrs. Thomas G. Winter became President of GFWC, and the General Federation News supplanted the former publication. It was a simple news sheet printed on regular newsprint, and recorded the business and program of work of the Federation. Mrs. Leslie Stringfellow Reed, Arkansas, was the editor.

A publication for the Indiana Federation frequently was discussed at Board Meetings and State Conventions. The matter was crystallized at the 1920 Convention, and the President, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, prepared to carry out the wishes of the club bodies represented.

The first issue bears the date of January, 1921, and the small four-page sheet was christened The Indiana Federation of Clubs Bulletin. The legislature was in session and the legislative department, Mrs. Philip Zoercher, Chairman, was featured in the first number.

The early issues all carried a column entitled, "Do You Know That?" One early bit of recorded news was of great importance; it was announced that three new state-wide organizations of women had been formed—The American Legion Auxiliary, The Woman's Council, and the State Federation of Music Clubs.

There were the familiar reminders of the time to pay dues to State, and the importance of notifying the Corresponding Secretary when new officers were elected. The fact that IFC had Scholarship Funds at Indiana and Purdue Universities also was recorded. The resolution that the IFC purchase the Old Fauntleroy Home, passed by the 1919 Convention, was published in the magazine together with a copy of the letter sent to every club, requesting a contribution of one dollar per capita for this purpose.

The February number was devoted to the Conservation Department, of which Mrs. W. J. Torrance was Chairman, and the saving of the Dunes was emphasized. The March issue gave the District Chairmen their opportunity and all responded with enthusiasm. The record of bills passed by the Legislature was published. The Department of Education, Mrs. Blanch Foster Boruff, Chairman, was accented in April. Thrift, Americanism, Art, and Music were presented.

THE EDITOR

The President, Mrs. Rumpler, edited the Bulletin, folded the papers, addressed the wrappers, and carried them to the post office. Fifteen hundred copies were distributed each month to GFWC officers, Presidents of clubs, District and County Chairmen and State Committee members. The President was thrilled to have launched the State magazine. The subscription price was placed at fifty cents per year, and the venture was financed by the Federation.

THE INDIANA CLUBWOMAN

Mrs. Rumpler continued as editor during the first year of Mrs. W. J. Torrance's presidency. The name was changed to the Indiana Clubwoman during this period. Mrs. Torrance assumed the editorship in her second year of office; the paid subscriptions grew from 52 to 370 during her regime.

Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, President and Editor during the years 1924-25, was assisted by the Federation Secretaries and Mrs. Emily Hawley Sherman, Business Manager. The magazine was enlarged, the expensive cover added, and the allotment of pages for officers, Department Chairmen, etc., was arranged.

Indiana entertained the GFWC Council Meeting in 1925 and Mrs. Pittinger issued a special edition of the Clubwoman of 1,000 extra copies—May-June-July number. She was assisted by Mrs. Nora Short and Mrs. Guido Stempel. The total cost of the magazine for the year was \$2,021.83, but the advertisements in the special number met the financial outlay.

HISTORICAL EDITION—1927

Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan succeeded Mrs. Pittinger as President of IFC and Editor-in-chief of the magazine. Mrs. Edwin Wiggin was made Business Manager during her term of office. Mrs. Sheehan compiled and edited an Historical Edition (July-August, 1927), which is an invaluable number of the magazine. The official organ of the IFC had grown to be self-supporting, with advertising, which regularly appeared during this administration, helping to finance the publication.

During the term of office of Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, 1928-29, the President was relieved of the arduous duties of editor with the selection of Mrs. Nora Short to have charge of that work. (Under a special financial arrangement with IFC.) The magazine prospered and a paid subscription list of 2,650 copies was reported. There also was a splendid quota of advertising. The circulation had now reached a little more than one-tenth of the State Federation membership. The layout of the magazine was revised, with the President, the Dean of Departments, and Club Extension Chairmen each being allotted a page for their individual plans and messages. Prizes were offered for the District and County Chairmen sending in the greatest number of subscriptions, a plan which has continued until the present.

Mrs. Short continued as editor during the administration of Mrs. Edwin F. Miller. The subscription list increased until it reached 4,500 copies; advertising receipts, also, were very good, until the eve of the impending depression struck the nation. Although financial reverses slowed up an expansion program, the standards and contents never were lowered.

During the presidencies of Mrs. Edwin N. Canine and Mrs. Robert A. Hicks came the zero hours of the economic stress. Mrs. Nettie A. Downey was made editor following the election of Mrs. Canine. In keeping with the financial situation, expenses were curtailed and rigid economy was practiced.

After Mrs. Hicks took office, ambitious plans were nipped in the bud when the budget refused to budge—when many magazines

ceased publication (figuratively locking their doors and throwing away the keys), the Indiana Clubwoman, like Time, marched right on, demonstrating that "it could take it." True, there were fewer pages but there was more condensed reading matter. The President's vital message moved over to the cover page, and regulation Federation promotion of activities was not slowed up; like the "widow's cruse," the pages never ran dry for necessary space; Government appeals, too, were given publicity, thus demonstrating that, "We Do Our Part in These United States."

During Mrs. Hicks' closing year, Mrs. Fred Bell was added to the staff as Circulation Manager; intensive promotion was carried on in all Departments of Work. The Stygian darkness began to lift during this period, and at the close of Mrs. Hicks' term of office, the magazine was in the clear. (Only four issues were printed that year, however.)

With the advent of Mrs. Frederick G. Balz as State President, and the increased clearing of the financial situation in the business world, the magazine took on greater prosperity. The Clubwoman was dressed in the Federation Blue cover and additional pages equaling those of peak days were replaced. Mrs. Oscar A. Ahlgren had assumed the duties of Business Manager and special inducements, by way of subscription rates, were offered. The changing times and concentrated efforts of all concerned resulted in the substantial balance, at the year's end, of over \$500 in the magazine's treasury.

In 1936 Mrs. Alfred R. Putnam, as Business Manager, continued the attractive offers for group subscriptions, with sympathetic and generous response; even greater inducements were made, and the lists which had begun their rise with the dawn of a better day continued to swell to new proportions. Abetted by liberal advertising receipts, again a substantial balance was shown at the final accounting.

The magazine did its part in furthering Mrs. Balz' administration theme, "The Indiana Federation—A Constructive Force in Each Community of Our State." Her theme for the forty-seventh Annual Convention of the State, "Today's Trends—Tomorrow's Goals," had been exemplified in the ultimate arrival of the Clubwoman at desired goals, following very definite trends.



Old Fauntleroy Home, New Harmony

“The House of Dreams”

“Beautiful for situation,” is the mental exclamation of the traveller approaching New Harmony. Nestling in the heart of the Wabash Valley in the very bottom of the most southern of Indiana’s historic “Pocket Counties,” New Harmony, for more than a century, has been the objective of tourists. From the time when drawn by the stories of the quaint old-world village called “Harmonie,” built in the “Hoosier” wilderness by George Rapp and his followers, until the present day, it has been the mecca of traveller, historian, writer, and club woman—an almost constant pilgrimage to this historic spot.

The history of this locality, which has retained a community spirit through a century of varying conditions, includes three distinct periods, each over-lapping the other; each a creative force in the history of the State, and each having national and international significance.

"HARMONIE"

The first of these periods had its origin in 1813 with the community named "Harmonie," established by George Rapp and his group of old-world enthusiasts, and was a period of harmonious community life and agricultural and industrial development. The deed to the little community in southern Indiana, founded in 1814, was made over to George Rapp of Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1813, by President Madison. Rev. Rapp's signature, with those of 501 followers, appears on the deed. At the start there were close to a thousand souls, but with the death of a number of the leaders and some antagonism to the community idea, came the decision to dispose of the property. On the site of the George Rapp mansion, which was destroyed, there stands the brick dwelling of Alexander Maclure, erected in 1844. At the left of the front of the house is a large flagstone upon which can still be seen the imprints of two feet, toes and all, which are more than life size. Rapp said the footprints were those of the Angel Gabriel, who had come down and written (the scrawl of unreadable writing which was said to be formerly on the stone is now worn away) the command to build a church.

"NEW HARMONY"

Rev. George Rapp, "the prophet of the Harmonites," through his stepson, Frederick Rapp, sold the Wabash land in 1824 to Robert Owen, a Socialist and wealthy mill owner of New Lanark, Scotland. Owen also entertained a "wonderous dream" of a "social and industrial Utopia in the midwest." The community established by Robert Owen was based on social equality and equal opportunity, and was named "New Harmony." This was an era of industrial and educational development in this remarkable ready-made village with its several hundred substantial and commodious buildings, surrounded by thousands of acres of fertile fields and productive hillside vineyards. Because of its unique possibilities, it attracted agriculturists, skilled mechanics, students, instructors, philanthropists and social reformers from every state in the Union, from the British Isles, and from many countries of northern Europe.

An item culled from the New Harmony Register of May 6, 1871, reads: "The hundredth birthday anniversary of Robert Owen, who 45 years ago purchased the village of New Harmony and adjoining lands from Frederick Rapp and Association, will be held on May 16, at Lincoln's Inn fields, London."

This village in the wilderness of America, ready built, complete with public buildings and industries, was perfectly suited for the experiment which was a part of Robert Owen's very life, and so as Mrs. Caroline Snedeker says, ". . . the fatal letter finally came to Caroline Dale, in Scotland, that 'Owen had bought the village of Har-

monie with thirty thousand surrounding acres.' . . . I have in my possession the paper in which Caroline Dale signs away all right in the property at Harmony, she being given a sufficiency and home for her life. But these American lands to be used in perpetuity 'for the welfare of the human race.'" It was then that the name was changed to New Harmony.

It was with high hopes that Robert Owen and his son, Robert Dale, with others, set sail from Liverpool for America and New Harmony. Stephan Whitwall, one of the party, voiced this New Harmony hope in the following poem, which was later set to music by Manuel Garcia, one of the passengers:

"Land of the West, we come to thee,
Far o'er the desert of the sea;
Under a white-winged canopy,
Land of the West, we fly to thee,
Sick of the Old World's sophistry;
Haste, then, across the dark blue sea.
Land of the West, we rush to thee!
Home of the brave, soil of the free—
Huzza, she rises o'er the sea."

"THE BOATLOAD OF KNOWLEDGE"

The journey across the Alleghanies to Pittsburgh was by wagon and coach. There the group bound for the great experiment in New Harmony, set forth on a keel-boat, refashioned to their needs, which Robert Owen named "Philanthropist." But William Pelham, the editor of the New Harmony Gazette, which was soon in operation, writes that the people cried for joy when they saw the boat in the distance: "It is our Boatload of Knowledge. . . . It is bringing knowledge to us all." And so the keel-boat came to be known as "The Boatload of Knowledge."

"THE ATHENS OF THE WABASH"

The boat, with its cargo of noted people, 35 passengers in all, among whom were Thomas Say, the Philadelphia naturalist and the father of American conchology; Alexander L. Lesueur, the artist and naturalist; Gerard Troost, chemist and geologist; Thibaut, a Swiss engraver, and Balthazar Obernasser, a Swiss artist, and many others, floated down the Ohio and Wabash towards its destination, the little town in the wilderness, later known as "The Athens of the Wabash," a voyage which took six weeks to accomplish.

As the ropes were cast off and the boat swung into the current, Robert Owen said, "Now we are bound for the Empire of Good Sense." But it was only a short three years (1827), until there appeared in the "New Harmony Gazette," ". . . a sad and quiet statement by Robert Owen that 'New Harmony was no longer a community.'"

1827—THE THIRD PERIOD

The third period, which was the outgrowth of the Owen ideal, began in 1827, and was marked by extensive scientific research and educational and cultural growth, under the regimes of the four sons of Robert Owen—Robert Dale, David Dale, Richard and William Owen. It was in this era that William Maclure, one of the artist members of the colony, became the first teacher of vocational training in America. In fact, during the second and third periods a number of the most important educational institutions of this country had their inception in New Harmony. (See Early Clubs—Female Social Society.)

Aside from the atmosphere of culture and fine spirit of community cooperation, which always have been prized possessions, is a rich store of material inheritances; the Library of the Working Men's Institute and the Murphy Auditorium head the list. The Library, constituted and fostered by William Maclure and endowed by Dr. Murphy, contains more than 24,000 volumes, including some so rare that they have no duplication. The library building also houses an art collection of copies of old masters painted by noted artists, and a museum containing exhibits from which it is possible to trace the history of the New Harmony communities from the time of the Rappites to the present.

The Murphy Auditorium, the gift of Dr. Murphy, who came to the Owen community as a barefoot boy in 1825, has a seating capacity of 800. Accompanying the gift was an endowment providing for the support of a Lyceum course, which brings annually to New Harmony the best procurable talent.

A DESCRIPTION

While many of the buildings in New Harmony have historic associations of great interest, the soul of the structures is found in "The House of Dreams," the Old Fauntleroy Home. It takes its name from the occupants for a period of 84 years, the Fauntleroy family. Like all New Harmony property, it was for many years a community possession, but in 1841 it was purchased by Robert Henry Fauntleroy, and later, from his heirs, by Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, the present hostess of the home. The house came into existence in 1815, being built by George Rapp, along with other houses in this town which he founded. The structure of hand-hewn hard woods, mortised and pegged, with ceiling beams, some of which are 30 feet long, with hand-wrought brass hardware of artistic design, has been peopled by those with vision with eyes lifted from the earth; "Whether there was fulfillment or frustration, always they traveled down life's road clear-eyed and unafraid."

As the one-time home of Thomas Say, the father of American zoology; David Dale Owen, our first U. S. geologist; Robert Dale



Taken on the lawn of the Old Fauntleroy Home, September 15, 1912, when the Directors of the General Federation met there. Left to right: Mrs. Lucy White Williams, Lapur, Michigan; Mrs. Frances D. Evert, Highland Park, Illinois; Mrs. Harry L. Keefe, Walthill, Nebraska; Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy and Mrs. Rachel Fauntleroy, New Harmony, Indiana; Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Della Owen, New Harmony, Indiana; Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, President GFWC, Austin, Texas; Mrs. J. C. Mathews, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Owen, statesman, author, diplomat; Richard Owen, geologist; Oliver Evans, inventor; Robert Henry Fauntleroy, an astronomer and government meteorologist of the Southern Coast and Geodetic Survey; his wife, Jane Dale Owen, and his daughter, Constance Owen Fauntleroy, who founded the Minerva Society in the parlor of this household, this abode stands as a memorial to the high ideals that had birth within its walls.

MINERVA SOCIETY

It is not difficult to conceive how out of such an atmosphere as this should be born an organization of the character of the "Minerva Society;" one whose carefully preserved records indicate as advanced thought and as high aims as those of our modern women's organizations. Miss M. E. Fauntleroy has drawn for us the following mental image: "As I sit musing of friends present and past, a picture comes to me which I present to you. It is the Minerva Society, with its 26 members of pioneer club women as the central figure. The background formed by the interesting story of New Harmony, her early distinguished people, especially those who have lived in the Old Fauntleroy Home, and their deeds well done. The picture, when completed, should be framed by the walls of the Old Fauntleroy Home, where eight young women met with Constance Owen Fauntleroy (it being her home), during the late summer of 1859 in contemplation of the organization of a woman's club for self-improvement."

With the addition of four young married ladies, and a constitution and by-laws contributed by Robert Dale Owen, the club was founded September twentieth, 1859, as "The Minerva Society." (See Early Clubs.)

When clubs scattered all over the country met to form the Federation, an honorary member of the Minerva Society, then living in New Orleans, was selected as one of the six delegates, outside the state of New York, to formulate plans. And the slogan then adopted and ever since used by the General Federation, "Unity in Diversity," was the product of the fertile mind of a former member of the Minerva Club, Miss Ella Dietz, niece of Mrs. Robert Dale Owen.

Later, two members of the Minerva Society were made honorary members of the General Federation—Constance Owen Fauntleroy, twice recognized at General Federation meetings, once in Boston and later in Minneapolis, where she was invited to the speakers' platform and made an Honorary Vice President of the General Federation.

GFWC BOARD AT NEW HARMONY

In the autumn of 1912, the Board of Directors of the General Federation came to New Harmony to see and visit the birthplace of what was thought then to be the "Mother Club." During a reception tendered them in the Old Fauntleroy Home their President, Mrs. Percy



Taken at dedication of the Old Fauntleroy Home, June 6, 1925. From left to right: Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, author and director of the Pageant; Mrs. Oscar Pittinger, at that time President of IFC; Mrs. Blessing Runcie Marshall, the oldest daughter of Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie; Mrs. Anna Neef Owen Crawford, daughter of Dr. David Dale Owen; Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, Miss Louise Owen Crawford, Mrs. Caroline Dale Owen Snedeker, author; Mrs. Aline Dale Owen Neal, granddaughter of Col. Richard Owen.

V. Pennybacker of Texas, presented Mrs. Rachel Fauntleroy with the insignia and conferred on her an honorary membership in the General Federation. I believe a like honor was conferred upon the granddaughter of U. S. Grant.

In a greeting asked of Mrs. Rachel Fauntleroy and read before the State Federation, in session in Evansville in 1914, only a few days before she passed away, at the age of 84, she said: "Little did we pioneer club women realize that we were putting in motion a movement that would encircle the globe. And when I wear my Minerva (Federation) pin I feel as if I were the Alpha and Omega of the woman's club movement." When we consider all these facts you will agree with me that it is remarkable that so distinguished a group of young women could have been found in Indiana 78 years ago. (Early Clubs.)

SHRINE FOR INDIANA CLUB WOMEN

During the presidency of Mrs. Oscar M. Pittinger, the ownership of the Old Fauntleroy Home, with its treasures and memories, passed into the hands of the Indiana Federation of Clubs—believed at that time to have been the first club in America to be regularly officered and provided with a written constitution.

DEDICATION

June 6, 1925, the dedicatory exercises were conducted, and many visitors from all over Indiana and representatives from other states were present to witness the ceremony. The people of New Harmony took part in a processional pageant, written for the occasion by Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon and directed by her, graced by the presence of several direct descendents of Robert Owen. (See Mrs. Pittinger's administration.)

"THE KEY, THE HOME, THE TRUST"

The presentation ritual was most impressive, with Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy gowned in a quaint old dress which had been her mother's, delivering the historic key made by the Rappites over a hundred years before, to Mrs. Oscar M. Pittinger, President of the Indiana Federation. She said in part: "This key has turned in the lock to shut out the world and worldly things. To shut out vanity, conflict, and hypocrisy. It has turned to open the door to friends of every noble cause and principle. It has opened to the lowly and the needy as well as to the rich, the cultured, and the learned, for hospitality has ever been the law of the Home. It has turned to admit those who came for sympathy, for care, and for guidance, and others who came for literary discourse, with scientific problems, or who were musically inclined. It opened to authors, musicians, inventors, artists, and sci-

entists, all of great worth. And it opened wide the door to twenty-six young women which constituted the membership of the first woman's club with a written constitution and elected officers, founded in 1859 by Constance Owen Fauntleroy. . . . May you and your successors accord to the 'Old Fauntleroy Home' the love and care it has always received from me and my predecessors."

Mrs. Pittinger accepted the key and the sacred trust in the name of the Federation, saying: "As the representative of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, I accept the Key, the Home, and the Trust in the name of God and our State. I dedicate it to all that is good and great, to all that is high and holy, and pray that the noble principles of its founders may live in all who share its benefits."

The dedication of the home was the culmination of the Federation's aim extending through a number of years, for the purchase and maintenance of that historic property—the birthplace of the organized club movement and the home of many of the State's distinguished citizens. More than \$15,000 had been raised for that purpose.

The charge ever has been a hallowed one through succeeding administrations. Miss Fauntleroy has remained as hostess, and every guest goes away charmed with her cordial hospitality and service. Her interest never wanes, and the Spirit of the Home continues to reign. With her flood of golden memories—a veritable store-house of interesting experiences—she lends the proper atmosphere to the environment.

PRICELESS POSSESSIONS

Many of the furnishings were here by inheritance, and others that were owned by former occupants, have been reclaimed. The harp, belonging to Mrs. Jane Dale Owen Fauntleroy, and brought from Lanark, Scotland, to New Harmony in 1832, has but recently been secured, through the efforts of Miss Fauntleroy, and rests in the old Minerva parlor once again. The harp was taken by Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie to St. Joseph, Missouri, when she and Dr. Runcie left Indiana for the west. Within these historic walls is found a chair made from the large oak under which George Rapp and his followers camped the first night spent on this community site; portraits of the former inhabitants, and of the thirteen charter members of the Minerva Society, and a number of later members, look down from the walls. There is a well-preserved chair of Robert Dale Owen; the old fireplace of hand-molded brick, in the Minerva parlor, was built by the Rappites. The Jane Dale Owen bedroom boasts of an old poster bed in which it is the ambition of every clubwoman to sleep, while guests delight to sit and write at the Josiah Warren secretary; samplers made by Minerva members adorn the walls, and so on, ad infinitum.



MISS MARY EMILY FAUNTLEROY

Hostess of The Old Fauntleroy Home seated at the Constance Owen Fauntleroy harp, wearing the heavy black brocaded dress of her mother, Mrs. Rachel Homer Fauntleroy, who was a charter member of the Minerva Society and an honorary member of the General Federation.

In the library are many rare books written by or about the founders of this early community; about one hundred autographed editions were personal gifts to Miss Fauntleroy from the authors. A book of priceless worth is the record book of the Minerva Society, with its beautifully written minutes; preserved is the handwriting, the literary style and the signatures, as well as the register of meetings of this pioneer organization.

Many gifts of money and heirlooms from clubs and individuals have enriched the Home. A great benefactor, Mrs. E. B. Ball, has made notable contributions from an early gift of dozens of Wedgewood plates, with facsimile of the Old Fauntleroy Home, designed to be a source of revenue, to her latest gift of \$5,000 in 1937, in honor of Miss Fauntleroy, to be applied to the maintenance fund. This fund was created at the time the Home was purchased, and lacked a little more than this amount for completion. The Indiana Federation, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, President, then supplied the additional amount to perfect the transaction.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

The observance of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Minerva, held in New Harmony, September 20, 1934, was a notable event. It was preceded by a banquet held in the old Rappite Tavern. Many celebrities attended and were greeted by Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, President of Indiana Federation, and Miss Fauntleroy. The occasion was featured by addresses by Hon. Lew M. O'Bannon and Prof. Ross Lockridge, and the enacting of an historical pageant, "The House of Dreams," written and directed by Mrs. C. D. Ehrmann.

During her second year as President of IFC, Mrs. Balz recommended to Governor Townsend that the historic part of New Harmony, including the old Rappite and Community buildings, be acquired by the State for park purposes and maintained as an historical memorial. Governor Townsend was authorized by the Legislature to create a commission to further plans to be reported at the next session of that body. The Indiana Federation will lend every assistance, as owners of the Old Fauntleroy Home—having pioneered in this respect—clubwomen are vitally interested in all efforts to memorialize this environment. (See Mrs. Balz' administration.)

"FESTIVAL OF THE GOLDEN RAIN TREE"

In 1936, in New Harmony, the "Festival of the Golden Rain Tree," was born. During the Owen Community days the beautiful Koelreuteria Paniculata was sent to New Harmony by William Maclure and planted near his gate, and it became known as the "Gate Tree." Native of China and Japan, it is called, "The Tree of the Golden Rain," because it showers its golden flowerets everywhere. It has become habituated, and when New Harmony is "knee-deep in June it is then that she dons her loveliest mantle and carpets her streets with gold." Again, this year of '37 the "Festival" was held, and colored moving pictures and filmed historic scenes are to be shown throughout the State to promote the memorial in contemplation.

OLD FAUNTLEROY HOME

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BUILT BY THE RAPPITES IN 1815
FRANZ PEEIL, RAPPITE AND FAMILY
THOMAS SAY, A NOTED NATURALIST, AND WIFE
LUCY SISTAIRE SAY, ARTIST
CORNELIUS TIEBOUT, AN ENGLISH ENGRAVER
CAROLINE TIEBOUT, AN ASSISTANT TO MRS. SAY
OLIVER EVANS JR., AN INVENTOR, AND WIFE
LOUISA NEEB, A PESTALOZZIAN TEACHER
ROBERT HENRY FAUNTLEROY, AN OFFICER OF THE
SOUTHERN COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, AND WIFE
JANE DALE OWEN, DAUGHTER OF ROBERT OWEN
CONSTANCE OWEN FAUNTLEROY, FOUNDER OF "THE
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Fort Wayne Woman's Club

BRONZE TABLET

PRESENTATION OF TABLET

It was at the 1937 "Festival of the Golden Rain Tree" that the large bronze tablet, procured and placed on the front of the Old Fauntleroy Home through the efforts of Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy, was unveiled. Mr. John Duss, the last member of the Harmonie Society, now living in the town of Economy, Pennsylvania, said in his greetings: "The people asked that I come here, but it was Miss Fauntleroy who made the decision that I should come. Without dwelling on more of her achievements, I could not otherwise let an opportunity pass of assisting in today's ceremony at this Home."

Miss Fauntleroy said that the members of "The Minerva Society," organized in this Home, are all gone to their reward. "The last one, Mrs. Rosamond Dale Owen Oliphant Templeton, passed away in Worthington, England, yesterday, June 19, 1937. The 'Daughters of the Minerva' was organized in 1919 to carry on the work of the Mother Society. There are only two of us left in New Harmony, Mrs. Aline Dale Owen Neal and myself. As a fitting farewell to the activities of the two organizations this Bronze Tablet will be presented to the Board of Managers of the Old Fauntleroy Home by Mrs. Neal."

Mrs. Neal closed the presentation of the Tablet with these words: "We, the Daughters of 'The Minerva,' therefore, do now take great pleasure in presenting to the Board of Managers of the Old Fauntleroy Home our token of remembrance to honor these names which have helped to make our State one worthy of a place in history in this great country—the United States of America." The Board of Managers of the Old Fauntleroy Home is composed of the Honorary Chairman, Mrs. Edmund Burke Ball, of Muncie; Chairman, Mrs. James S. Boonshot, Petersburg; Advisor, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis; Secretary, Mrs. Carl Gray, Petersburg; Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Jaquess, Poseyville, and Hostess, Miss M. E. Fauntleroy.

This, then, is the heritage that harks back to January 26, 1826, with the landing of "The Boat Load of Knowledge," a keel boat that carried, doubtless, the most scholarly group of men and women ever to float on the waters of the Ohio and the Wabash. The very atmosphere of the Old Fauntleroy Home is laden with the sweet perfume of historical associations, traditions, and romance.

ROBERT DALE OWEN

During the year of 1937, Miss Fauntleroy conceived the idea of having the remains of Robert Dale Owen, who died in 1878 and was interred in a cemetery at Lake George, N. Y., returned to New Harmony to be interred at the scene of his most distinguished labors, and to rest alongside his distinguished brothers, William, David, Dale and Richard. The deepest appreciation is due Miss Fauntleroy, not only by the members of the Indiana Federation, but also by the residents of the little town of New Harmony and the entire State, for her efforts. In the same cemetery we find a tablet placed to the memory of Robert Dale Owen's only daughter, Rosamond Dale Owen Oliphant Templeton, by Miss Fauntleroy.

To Miss Mary Emily Fauntleroy the possession of the Home by the Indiana Federation is a dream come true—a dream in which she saw the home of the Owens and the Fauntleroy's and the birthplace of the Minerva, in keeping of the Indiana clubwomen. To this end she has spared neither time, strength, nor means to perfect her plans and, today, as loved chatelaine and hostess her dreams have come true.

May this era, like the Golden Rain Tree, continue to shed its luster.

Program Building Contests

In the spring of 1926, Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, Frankfort, in charge of a club page in the "Indianapolis Sunday Star," put into effect a plan long in mind—that of inaugurating program building contests designed to raise the standards of study outlines which, often, were miscellaneous and indefinite. The primary purpose was three-fold: First, to so unify the club study program that it would become a positive factor in adult education. Second, to encourage the acquiring by club women of a more intimate and workable knowledge of the Departments of the Federation. Third, to emphasize the importance to the club movement in general of informing and educating publicity. The requirements have been and still are: A creative program built about a definite subject and developed by related topics, conforming to Federation objectives and policies. A program in which all supplementary work has a bearing on the subject studied.

INDIANAPOLIS STAR CONTESTS

The success of the venture was assured from the beginning in the sympathetic and understanding cooperation. "The Star" donated valuable publicity space and, in the decade that the contests have been featured, has given more than \$900 in awards. Official recognition was given the project by the Indiana Federation of Clubs during the administration of Mrs. Edwin F. Miller. Mrs. Sparks had a breakfast at the West Baden Convention at which Mrs. Adela Bittner of Indiana University spoke, and Katherine Pickett, of the "Star," presented the prizes. This was the first time the "Star" Contests were formally recognized. Mrs. Sparks was asked to report on the contests from the Convention platform, and since then it has become an annual procedure. The Extension Division of Indiana University has furnished the judging committee and made available the package library service, so necessary to the success of the undertaking. From the General Federation Headquarters Research Service has come valuable helps; and, perhaps most reciprocal, has been the unfailing cooperation of the Indiana club women, without whose loyal team work and support, the phenomenal achievements could not have been realized.

From the first inception of the plan, the results have been immediate and praiseworthy. Prize-winning program folders are available to the club women and are serving as models for club outlines in the 48 states and distant lands. Study programs that embody definite educational and cultural objectives are training the club women of the nation to be unified in thought. Distinctive accomplishment has been achieved through thinking and speaking habits acquired in the presentation and discussion of study programs with a clear, ultimate end in view, with an increased interest in programs of academic character.

THE PURPOSE

The press contests, county and club news reports, naturally have grown out of the program contests; they originated and are financed from the same sources—Mrs. Sparks and the “Star” respectively, and have the approval and support of the Federation body. In connection with these enterprises, Mrs. Sparks has conducted a series of lessons in club news writing which has given a new value and creative character to club reports.

The Star Program Contests, based on the belief that the club program is the foundation of club activity, have had a definite purpose and precise results, including the greatly improved character of Indiana club programs; a constantly increasing number of clubs that are making an intensive study of some one subject; the clever and original development of study outlines; increased interest in the Department of Federation work and a sincere effort to make them a part of the organization’s community service; marked improvement in club reports; the universal use of the university package library helps; inspiration furnished to clubs of other states by Indiana club programs; a nation-wide tendency to place greater emphasis upon the influence of the study program in the expansion of club activities, etc. The act of the General Federation in placing its seal of approval on the project also was a factor in its promotion and effectiveness.

Reciprocity

The first intimation of Reciprocity in club work here in Indiana was in the Indianapolis Woman's Club in 1882 when Mrs. May Wright Sewall was appointed chairman of a committee to recommend some form of reciprocity in the exchange of club programs. This was one of the early efforts to broaden the work of the local club and extend its interests.

From the book of minutes of the Indiana State Federation, under date of November 15, 1900, Commercial Athletic Club, South Bend, we read of the meeting of the Executive Committee, as follows: "On motion of Mrs. Jane McM. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Virginia Patterson, it was decided to recommend to the Convention the establishing of a Bureau of Reciprocity for the purpose of assisting clubs to obtain a complete resumé of each and all results of the Federated Clubs." Then on Saturday morning, November 17, 1900, Committees were appointed in part, as follows: "Reciprocity, Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Goshen, and Mrs. Mary Stull Studebaker, South Bend."

So it would appear that Mrs. E. E. Mummert, who was the last President of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, served as the first Chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau in the organization.

At the 1904 Convention of the Indiana Union held in Fort Wayne, in October, an open parliament was conducted on the question: "The Value of a Reciprocity Bureau." We read in the last session of Mrs. Perkins' motion for the chair to appoint a committee to formulate methods for the Bureau, and to carry forward the work for the following year. This was done and Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood, was chosen as the first Chairman. With Mrs. Saylor were Mrs. J. F. McClure, Anderson, and Mrs. Samuel Matthews, Tipton. At the 1905 Convention it was voted to continue the Bureau, and add two new members to the Committee: Mrs. Laura Benton of Alexandria, and Mrs. W. H. Jones of Elwood.

At this same time, during the administration of Miss Minnetta Taylor, President of the Indiana State Federation, 1902-1903, we find with other appointments that Mrs. Elizabeth G. Kettring, South Bend, was appointed Chairman of the Year Book and Reciprocity Committee.

In 1906, when the two organizations were consolidated, we find the name of Mrs. Frank L. Saylor, Elwood, again as Chairman of the Reciprocity Committee. In 1908 Mrs. Saylor was succeeded by Mrs. J. H. Benton, Alexandria, who gave eleven years service to this interesting and helpful task. She demonstrated that this service was invaluable. Since she gave it up in 1919, the Federation has had the good fortune to have it taken over by the Extension Division of Indiana University, and annually they give aid to thousands of our club women.

As the number of federated clubs grew, and the demands became more urgent and less easy to satisfy because of lack of material, there

was a growing feeling on the part of leaders in the Federation that the Bureau should be of greater educational value to club women. It was decided, therefore, to take advantage officially, of the many informal educational services offered to the state by the Extension Division of Indiana University. The Extension Division was organized for the one purpose of making the resources of the State University available to the people of the state, and, therefore, it seemed an ideal agency to assist club women in building their programs. At the request of the Federation, Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, President, the Extension Division of the University, in January, 1920, appointed a member of its staff, Miss Mary B. Orvis, Secretary of the Indianapolis Extension Center and member of the Federated Club, "Women's Press Club," of Indianapolis, to be Chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau, and the Executive Board of the Federation then appointed twelve federated club women as members of that committee to serve under Miss Orvis. In her first letter of instructions to her committee members, Miss Orvis urged the clubs to use the services furnished by the State University, and explained them in detail. The services were the supplying of program and discussion material, lantern slides and motion picture films, picture exhibits, child welfare material, lecturers, and correspondence courses. The Bureau continued to act as a clearing house for the printed programs of clubs in the Federation, and for club papers. In regard to the latter, Miss Orvis, in her report printed in the 1920-21 Year Book, IFC, said: "This service seems less worthwhile than other services this Bureau can render. I believe that you will agree with me that the practice of passing on the papers prepared by various members of clubs is less likely to improve the general quality of club papers than is the practice of having each individual club member work up her own paper from up-to-date material supplied from the University or some other reliable sources. Then, too, there is the pedagogical principle that in order to grow intellectually, one must work out a given problem for himself."

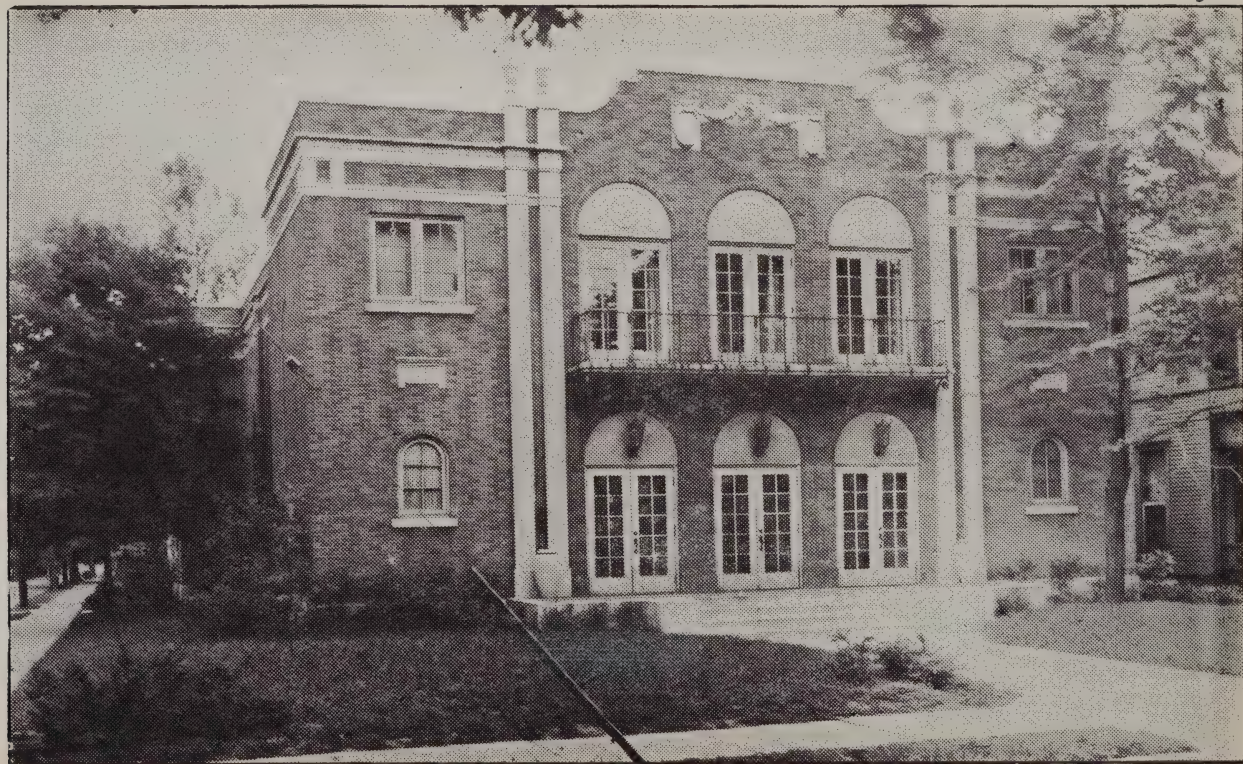
Miss Orvis was State Chairman of the Reciprocity Bureau until October, 1922, when Miss Mary B. Pratt, Secretary of the Bureaus of Public Instruction and Correspondence Study of the Extension Division, and member of a federated club in Indianapolis, was appointed State Chairman of the Reciprocity Committee, as it was for the first time called in the Federation Year Book for 1922-23, when it became and remained for two years a committee of the Education Department of the Federation. A Chairman in each District assisted Miss Pratt. Mrs. Robert E. Burke, present Chairman, since October, 1924, succeeded Miss Pratt, and the Bureau was designated "Special" Committee. Mrs. Burke is a member of the Woman's Club of Bloomington, and Assistant in the Public Welfare Service of the Extension Division of Indiana University. Mrs. Burke follows essentially the same plan for the work of the committee as pursued by Miss Orvis, with the excep-

tion that papers written by club women, for local programs, are no longer distributed by the Extension Division. Club women have discovered that they profit much more from the preparation of their own papers; and material which encourages original work is sent from the Extension Division. Other sources of program help for Indiana club women are the State Library and General Federation Headquarters.

Since 1913, when the Extension Division was organized, a few club women borrowed club study outlines and package libraries, and Miss Vida Newsom, in her 1913 message as President of the Federation, urged clubs to take advantage of the lectures by university professors offered through the Extension Division, but a more extended use by club women of the Extension Division services was made possible when the Federation officially recognized these as a value to club women by accepting, as Chairman of the Reciprocity Committee, a member of the Extension Division staff.

The Reciprocity Committee brings Indiana club women and the State University into close touch so that the University, through its Extension Division, is not only able to aid the club women in attaining a high educational standard for their programs, through its regular services as developed, but also to institute services to meet their particular needs, and to respond to individual special requests.

CLUB HOUSES OF INDIANA'S
FEDERATED CLUBS



THE VINCENNES FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

VINCENNES FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

Vincennes, Second District

On November 11, 1891, eight of the most prominent women of the city of Vincennes met at the old colonial Bayard Mansion and established the club, which through the years has become one of the largest and most influential in beautiful Southern Indiana. The founders, of whom only the last named is living, were: Mrs. Joseph L. Bayard, Mrs. Franklin Clarke, Mrs. John Storm Horton, Miss Ida Lusk, Miss Katherine McIlvaine, Miss Albertine Moore, Mrs. R. G. Moore and Miss Clara DeWolf.

Ten years later, the club was incorporated under the laws of the State of Indiana. During the same year it affiliated with the Union of Literary Clubs.

FIRST CLUB HOUSE

For a number of years meetings were held in the homes of the members, in the Public Library, and later in the Y. M. C. A. In 1915 the club acquired the distinction of being the first woman's club in the state to own its own club house. The first home was a small residence, remodeled to fit the needs, and in 1928 saw the completion of a beautiful club house at the cost of \$35,000. In this accomplishment the club again pioneered, the club house being the first building in Indiana designed exclusively for women's club purposes.

At its beginning, the Fortnightly Club was purely a literary organization, but in 1900 it expanded into a Department Club, and through the years it has added study classes from time to time. The Junior Club, organized in 1930, is enthusiastic and outstanding.

The club entertained the State Convention of the Federation in 1905, and was honored by the presence of Mrs. Sarah S. Platt Decker, President of GFWC, as well as the Vice President, Mrs. Eva Berry Moore. It was through the inspiration gained by these contacts that the club affiliated with the General Federation in 1910.

Three members have served the State Federation in elective offices: Miss Katherine McIlvaine was Vice President in 1905; Miss Clementine Weisert, Corresponding Secretary in 1910; Mrs. D. Frank Culbertson was elected State Treasurer in 1921, but was unable to serve; in 1927 Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle served as State President.

ACTIVITIES

It is impossible to enumerate the various contributions of the club to the life in Vincennes, but a few are outstanding; preserved and maintained the First Capitol of Indiana Territory, sometimes known as Legislative Hall; established the "Old Post Trail," and maintains the same; established the recess lunch idea for under-nourished children; organized Parent-Teacher groups; supplied gifts and entertainment for

inmates at County Infirmary; furnished a room in the County Hospital; a rest-room in the city hall; gave \$100 to aid in the location of a factory for the city; beautified the river front; assisted in the establishment of the library; awarded prizes to school children in garden contests, and music memory contests; organized a branch of the Needlework Guild of America; active in drives of Red Cross and Salvation Army; supported all Health programs, and sponsored Civic Music Association. Two hundred dollars was given the Old Fauntleroy Home. In 1934 the Past President's Club was formed within the Fortnightly, and Mrs. Jos. A. Meurer is the newly-elected President for 1937.



THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL BECOMES CLUB HOUSE

Pollyanna Home Economics Club

Morgan County, Martinsville, Second District

"The Pollyanna Home Economics Club, with a membership of 35, decided to see what could be done in the way of procuring a suitable club house," writes Mrs. Fred Duckworth, "where meetings could be held, social times enjoyed, and to carry on to better advantage our project work, which at that time was home decorating."

About four miles southwest of Martinsville, on State Road 37, stood the old Hastings School House, abandoned more than ten years before. This school house, like many others over the state, had been abandoned in favor of the consolidated school, and school bus conveyance. It was a substantially-built one-room brick building. Although it was badly in need of repair, our committee at once sensed its possibilities for a club house and immediately set about to consult the proper

authorities. We were assured that the building might be ours to use for our social and educational purposes as long as we wished.

A list of necessary repairs included a new roof, new windows, new door, plastering for most of the interior, and enamel for the walls and wood work. We estimated the cost of the material only, as we were expecting the husbands of the members, who were handy with hammer, saw and paint brush, to help us out and we were not disappointed.

Next we set to work devising schemes of raising money, and executing these schemes. It was in November when we first started this project, and by the middle of February we had more than enough to pay for the cost of our repairs. Markets, rummage sales, socials and all well-known methods of raising money were used. The families entered into the spirit of the project and mingled in the work and social times much as they did when the little school house was the social center of the community.

With the voluntary labor of the husbands and friends of the members, and substantial gifts of money from former pupils and well-wishers, all pleased to see the old school house again restored, it was possible to repair the building according to our wishes.

We now have the building conveniently and comfortably equipped, and each year finds us working toward some goal that will make it a better club house.

We have long had plans for landscaping the plot of ground, and recently a local nurseryman has offered us all the shrubbery necessary to beautify the grounds, and work is in progress now, getting the ground prepared. A grove of trees stands to the north of the building, and recently we observed Arbor Day by planting of trees to the south of the building. At the foot of the knoll, a natural ravine has suggested the idea of a rock garden with stepping stones leading from the building. A driveway up the knoll and around the building bordered by shrubbery, and an arched rose trellis are some of the plans we are working out.

The community at large is appreciative of the fact that we have restored this building and made it a social center, and it has proven more than adequate for our purpose as a club house.

Fort Wayne Woman's Club



LADIES' UNION CLUB

Utica Township, Clark County, Prather, Third District

The Ladies' Union Club had its beginning on February 20, 1905, when a small group of women met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Brown for the purpose of organizing a club to care for Union Methodist Church. They elected as their President, Mrs. Brown, who served in that capacity until her death in May, 1931.

To finance their project, the ladies served suppers, gave lawn fetes, and fall festivals, the proceeds of which were used to repair, remodel, beautify and care for Union Church.

It was not long until the Ladies' Union Club, as it had been named, conceived the idea of adding Union Cemetery, which surrounds the Church, to their care and attention. Gradually, however, the work of caring for the cemetery began to overshadow that of the church, until finally the club agreed to devote all of their work to the care of this rural cemetery, and at the present time such is the object of the Ladies' Union Club.

To raise necessary funds for its maintenance, it became customary to hold a community fair and chicken supper each fall. These affairs were held in the Odd Fellows' Hall at Prather, and so successful were their efforts in this line, that they soon outgrew this building and began to plan for a building of their own, which would provide ample room for their activities.

Their opportunity came in 1924, when they were able to purchase the abandoned school property at Prather for \$750. Before a deed could be made, it was necessary that the club be incorporated, which was done at once. After the corporation was completed, the Ladies'

Union Club, Inc., began the work of remodeling the old school house into a splendid club home.

The one room of the building was made into a large dining room, where dinners and suppers are served to the various organizations, and all social activities are held. On one end of the dining room a reception hall was built, and on the other a kitchen. The money for this work was raised by much hard work on the part of the members, but the whole community assisted by donations of their time and labor, as well as money.

"THE CLARA BROWN COMMUNITY HOUSE"

This club house, which has been named "The Clara Brown Community House," is the center of all social activities in the community. Here the Ladies' Union Club sponsors various affairs in order to raise money to carry on their work of caring for the Union Cemetery.

At the present time there are 24 active members, with several who have moved away but still lend their support because of their interest in the work.

Much credit for the success of this organization is due Mrs. W. C. Lewman, the President, who at the death of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Brown, became President, and has served so efficiently.



WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT CLUB, INDIANAPOLIS

WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT CLUB

Indianapolis, Seventh District

Like the history of all pioneer achievements, the history of The Woman's Department Club of Indianapolis, is important and intriguing, because on February 29, 1912, it came into being without precedent. It had only a strong purpose and a great hope for its inception. It was nurtured by loyalty, love and devotion. The result was natural development, steady progress and consistent growth to maturity.

The better to understand the broad foundation upon which the club was built, it is important to know the type of woman who first had the vision and thought of such an organization for the women of Indianapolis. Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, the originator of the plan, has been connected with forward movements; held national offices in organizations of varied interests; has founded or has been a charter member of many important state and national leagues, clubs, educational, church and civic groups.

Mrs. McWhirter invited some of her closest friends to her home, and enlisted their interest in her plan for a Department Club. The response was instant, and these friends became the founders of the new club. Their names are familiar to all friends of the club: Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Mrs. Alvin T. Coate, Mrs. William H. Cook, Mrs. George C. Hitt, Mrs. Virgil H. Lockwood, Mrs. McWhirter, Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, Mrs. Edwin G. Ritchie, Mrs. Edward J. Robinson and Mrs. Robert H. Strong.

The Presidents of all the clubs in the Seventh District were invited to attend several preliminary meetings, and seventy Presidents responded to this call. February 29, 1912, all club women of Indianapolis were invited to attend a luncheon on the roof garden of the Hume-Mansur Building, and nearly seven hundred women responded.

Mrs. George C. Hitt, who served as Chairman of the luncheon meeting, was made the first President of the club.

Of the six hundred charter members, only fifty remain in the club in its twenty-seventh year. The membership now is more than six hundred.

"SERVICE MEANS GROWTH; GROWTH MEANS LIFE; LET US LIVE!"

was the motto for the new organization, and the purpose as used in the Constitution reads: "... to enable the women of Indianapolis, by study, practical work, and united effort, to do their part in promoting the spiritual, ethical, artistic, and educational growth of their city, and in advancing its general welfare."

During organization the new club met at the Propylaeum and until 1917 when the present Club House at 1702 North Meridian Street was purchased.

The original departments of the club, which were renamed, combined, expanded, and changed from time to time were: Civic, Art, Music, Social Welfare and Philanthropic, Education, Home Economics, and Literature.

The following have served as Presidents of the Club: Mrs. George C. Hitt, Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Mrs. Edward J. Robinson, Mrs. W. W. Thornton, Mrs. Everett M. Schofield, Mrs. R. O. McAlexander, Mrs. Paul Thomas Hurt and Mrs. Clayton Hunt Ridge.

Mrs. Samuel Elliott Perkins was President of the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs in 1902 and President of GFWC Pioneer Workers; Mrs. George C. Hitt was placed on the Honor Roll of GFWC June 5, 1914; Mrs. Edward Franklin White was made Honorary First Vice President of GFWC June 6, 1930. The following club members have served as President of the Indiana Federation of Clubs: Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Mrs. E. C. Rumppler, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, and the present incumbent, Mrs. Edwin I. Poston.

Those members who have served as Presidents of the Seventh District are: Mrs. Demarchus C. Brown, Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Mrs. M. F. Ault, Mrs. E. C. Rumppler, Mrs. Ralph E. Kennington, Mrs. John Downing Johnson, Mrs. C. T. Austin, Mrs. David Ross, Mrs. H. K. Fatout, Mrs. George M. Cornelius, Mrs. R. O. McAlexander, Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Mrs. J. F. Edwards, Mrs. Clarence J. Finch and Mrs. W. D. Keenan.

The club affiliated with the Indiana Federation of Women's Clubs October 20, 1912; the General Federation, March 4, 1914, and accepted Universal Membership January 1, 1930. The club is affiliated with the Seventh District Federation, Indianapolis Council of Women, and the Civic and Educational Committees of the Chamber of Commerce.



KOKOMO WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT CLUB

Kokomo, Ninth District

On June 3, 1912, at a meeting of The League of the Round Table, Mrs. John Edward Moore read a paper entitled: "The Women of Kokomo—A Prophecy." In this paper she predicted that the women of Kokomo would soon fall in line with the National movement, and would form a club whose motto would be "Service for the Women and Girls of Kokomo." So favorably was the plan received that on June 17, 1912, the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and thus was born the "Kokomo Woman's Department Club."

Mrs. John Edward Moore was elected President, and the next year the club was incorporated with a membership of more than four hundred.

The club has to its credit the starting of Organized Public Welfare, Community Nurse, Historical Society, Y. W. C. A., Health Training, Night Schools, Conservation, and many other projects for civic betterment.

Many prominent speakers of national note have been guests of the club. From the General Federation came Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker and Mrs. John D. Sherman, Past Presidents; Mrs. Wallace T. Parham and Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Vice Presidents; as well as most of the State Presidents.

"A DREAM REALIZED"

On April 11 1928, the deal was closed for the purchase of the new Department Club Home—"A Dream Realized." The house, a two-story brick residence, very centrally located, was purchased at an auction sale. More than half of the purchase price was cash, and but for the depression, all would have been paid long ago.

The purchase of this home, which houses a fine collection of paintings owned by the club, was the last official act of Mrs. Moore, who had served as President for thirteen years. Mrs. Julia Davis was the first President to serve in the new home, and the club will continue its splendid work during these next two years under the fine guidance of Mrs. Will J. Martin, starting the year with a membership of 118.



VALPARAISO WOMAN'S CLUB

Valparaiso, Tenth District

Valparaiso Woman's Club was organized February 14, 1895, affiliated with the Indiana Union of Literary Clubs, in 1897, and with the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs, in 1900. The club was hostess to the Indiana Union in May, 1902, and joined the General Federation, in 1904.

In the beginning, with twenty-five charter members, it was known as the Reading Circle, later the Harriet Beecher Stowe Club, and became the Valparaiso Woman's Club in 1905. It has the following departments: Literature, Art and History, American Home, American Citizenship, and Garden.

The club house, purchased in 1925 from the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a three and one-half story cream-colored brick building with red tile roof, is located one block from Lincoln Way, where the club owns one quarter of a city block. It is a memorial to Sarah Porter Kinsey, first President of Indiana Federation of Clubs and a Past President of the club, a woman whose activities as leader and teacher influenced many lives.

Mrs. C. W. Boucher, a life-long friend and a Past President of the club, has served continuously as Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Memorial. Many women's organizations meet regularly in the club house, and the building fills an important need.

ACTIVITIES

The club yearly sponsors a flower show, houses the exhibit of pictures from the Hoosier Salon, and is headquarters for the work of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, and for much relief work of the county. More than 200 families were given assistance last year. The club is active in every worthy community movement.



THE DOORSTEAD

The lintel low enough to keep
out pomp and pride;
The threshold high enough to
turn deceit aside;
The doorband strong enough
from robbers to defend;
This door will open at a touch
to welcome every friend.

—Henry Van Dyke.

FORT WAYNE WOMAN'S CLUB

Fort Wayne, Twelfth District

The zeal of sixteen women in 1892 laid the foundation of club work in Fort Wayne and Fort Wayne Woman's Club, founded March 10, 1925, formed through the merging of the Woman's Club League, the League of Women Voters, the Mother's Club, and many individual members, is the culmination of their vision. The club in the thirteen years of its existence has by its phenomenal growth and progressive spirit, taken its place among the foremost clubs of Indiana.

The dream of a club house to be established and maintained for the women of the city, which was the great incentive and goal, became a realization as a result of the cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce in a successful drive for building funds, and in March, 1928, the club celebrated its fourth birthday in its beautiful new club house.

The club functions under five departments: American Home, Civic and Welfare, Fine Arts, Juniors, and Literature and Education. The Sub-Junior Group, composed of young daughters of members, is very active.

Much of the success and growth of this organization must be attributed to its first President, Laura Bradley Moring, through whose

untiring efforts and efficient leadership, the club has reached the eminent place it holds today in the rank of Indiana federated clubs.

Succeeding Presidents have been: Mesdames R. L. Porterfield, Allan S. Courtney, H. C. Storr serving one year, E. L. Simpson completing Mrs. Storr's unexpired term, W. K. Noble, W. C. Allen, and Walter B. Jones, the present incumbent.



CLAY AND HARRIS HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

South Bend, Thirteenth District

The Clay and Harris Home Economics Club was organized on October 24, 1914, in the old Stover school house, not knowing that twenty years later this school house would become the CLUB HOME.

The organization was perfected under the leadership of Mrs. Grace King, at that time County Demonstrator from Purdue, and the Purdue work has been followed throughout the years.

Sixteen women were present at that first meeting, with Mrs. J. C. Casey being elected the first President. The motto chosen that day was: "Better Homes and Better Communities," and it has been kept through the years.

The work of the different departments of federation work has been followed, with a Chairman for each department.

The present membership is 44, and now that there is a club house, adequately large, it is hoped the membership will increase.



THE MISHAWAKA WOMAN'S CLUB

Mishawaka, Thirteenth District

The Mishawaka Woman's Club was organized March 11, 1911, when, in response to an invitation through the press, about two hundred women gathered to hear Mrs. John O'Conner, President of the Chicago Woman's Club, who had been invited by what was then the Gillespie-Kimball Chautauqua Circle, to present the need of a Woman's Club to Mishawaka women.

The club organized then with Mrs. E. G. Eberhart as the first President. It was incorporated April 4, 1911, and became affiliated with the Indiana Federation of Clubs in May, 1911, and with the General Federation, February 26, 1917.

Until 1932, when the present club house was purchased, the club had no official residence. From 1911 until 1916, meetings were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church. When the Public Library was built in 1916, with the club instrumental in securing it for the city, the club used the first floor auditorium as a meeting place, moving to the Knights of Columbus Hall in the fall of 1930, when the auditorium was needed for the children's department.

After paying rent at the K. of C. Hall for two years, the club was given a rare opportunity to purchase the W. B. Hosford Home, 722

Lincoln Way East, at the very reasonable "depression price" of \$3,500. The beautiful lot, 82½ feet wide and 250 feet deep, extends from Lincoln Way East to the St. Joseph River bank. The house has recently been remodeled and redecorated inside and out. With reception rooms, auditorium, dining room and kitchen, it makes a very comfortable setting for any kind of club meeting, while the terrace overlooking the river invites garden parties.

The club is entirely free from debt on the home, having paid off an eight-hundred dollar mortgage November 2, 1937.



RILEY WOMAN'S CLUB

Lakeville, Thirteenth District

After much discussion of the need in the community of a study group, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. E. O. Updike (now deceased) July 28, 1928, and the club was organized under the name of The Riley Woman's Club. The object was to study history, sociology, civics, public health, community recreation, and any other subjects chosen to improve the locality, and to promote cooperation among its members.

Mrs. Updike was chosen the first acting Chairman, and meetings were held the second Wednesday afternoon of each month. Later the American Home Department, to meet the fourth Wednesday of each month was added, for study of Purdue University Extension lessons, to quilt, and to hold special programs.

In November, 1933, a committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graf, Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rensberger,

was appointed to make plans to buy the portable school building at Lakeville. The purchase was made December 2, 1933, and the building dismantled and moved to a plot of ground donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rensberger. Plans were drawn up and approved for a building 25 x 65 feet, consisting of kitchen, vestibule, auditorium and stage, which was built on the rear. Husbands of the members and others in the community donated the labor. Funds were raised by making and selling quilts, holding pastry sales, lawn parties, special programs, stands at different events in the county, and banquets given after the club house was finished. Each year the club buys a health bond from the Anti-Tuberculosis League, helps needy families, holds sales of towels made by the blind, and cooperates in church, school and civic activities.

The club has Universal Membership in the Indiana Federation of Clubs, and entertained the County Convention in 1930 at the Methodist Church in Lakeville.

In June, 1937, our club house was opened to the public, for what we called our "opening day," and all clubs in the county invited, although we had been having meetings in it for about a year while completion was being made.

A Little Theatre, under the direction of Mrs. Martin Haslanger, dramatics teacher of the Lakeville High School, has just been organized, and its members are taken from the community as a whole.

The dues are one dollar a year.

Mrs. Lloyd Rensberger, a member of the club, was elected President of St. Joseph County Purdue University Extension meetings.

Mrs. William Smith, another member, has written a delightful poem, which shows the vision of these club women in Lakeville.

The present officers are: Mrs. Russell Knepp, President; Mrs. William Smith, Vice President; Mrs. Irvin Price, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Fred Graf, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Lewis Dowell, Program Chairman. Officers of the American Home Department are: Mrs. John Smith, Chairman; Mrs. Lloyd Rensberger, Vice Chairman, and Mrs. Jennings Kirkley, Secretary and Treasurer.



PROGRESS CLUB, SOUTH BEND

PROGRESS CLUB

South Bend, Thirteenth District

The Progress Club of South Bend was organized in 1895, and joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1896, and the Indiana Federation in 1900. **

The present club house, located at 601 West Colfax, was built in 1928. Mrs. Lutie Baker Gunn was President at that time. She was the mother of Mrs. Eli Fowler Seebirt, who is now State Chairman of Fine Arts.

The club has a large auditorium, stage and two dressing rooms, lobby, office and lounge on the first floor; department rooms and kitchenette on the second floor; dining room, kitchen and caretakers' quarters in the basement.

It was built at a cost of \$110,000, cared for by personal gifts, projects, sale of insurance policies, and a final mortgage to cover the balance. This mortgage was a participating mortgage among five local banks, and has been reduced by half, even during the depression.

The club has departments of Arts, Current Events and History, Dramatic Art, Literature, Mother, Music, Nature Study. There is a very large and active Junior group of about 150, also a Civic Works Council.

Our outstanding achievements of last year were: 1,400 hours of Red Cross Serving for Flood Relief Work, refurnishing a room in Epworth Hospital, contributing to Cause and Control of Cancer, Anti-Tuberculosis Health Bond, sponsored Patrons of Poetry and Music Contests with almost 300 entrants. And most outstanding was our Camp for Crippled Children during the summer. Twenty-four children were cared for and amused for one month, six miles west of South Bend. This camp was maintained by personal gifts and donations, and was under the direction of the Civic Works Council, assisted by the Children's Dispensary.

The club is proud of its splendid Year Book, which is financed by advertising space sold to local merchants and corporations.

Mrs. Bert J. Sanford is the President, assisted by sixteen Board Members, who serve two years each, half being elected on alternate years. General meetings are held twice each month on the second and fourth Fridays. Some of the Departments meet just once a month, others twice, and the Juniors have two meetings and about six dances.

POETS LAUREATE
OF THE
INDIANA FEDERATION OF CLUBS

It was in Mrs. Edwin N. Canine's administration, 1932, that a suggestion came from General Federation pertaining to State Poets Laureate. A Resolution was presented to the November Convention by Hazel McGee Bowman, Odon, State Chairman of Poetry, which resulted in the selection of the first IFC Poet Laureate.



FIRST POET LAUREATE
1932-1934

ETHEL ARNOLD TILDEN (MRS. FRANCIS CALVIN)

Greencastle, Fifth District

Ethel Arnold Tilden, newly-made Poet Laureate of the Indiana Federation of Clubs, is truly a Hoosier. She was born Ethel Nash Arnold, daughter of Francis Ames and Elizabeth Nash Arnold of Greencastle, and she received her education in the public schools and DePauw University. She married Francis Calvin Tilden, who holds the chair of Comparative Literature at DePauw, and lives not far from the house in which she was born.

Although destined to spend her life in one small Indiana town, she was born with a touch of the wanderlust, and has traveled in her own country and abroad, seeing far places and people, and bringing back to her work a touch of the world outside her "own home town."

Mrs. Tilden's book of poetry, "Quest and Acceptance," received much favorable comment from critics, one of them saying, "There is no faddism or straining after effects in these verses, concerned with country landscapes in Autumn and Winter, friends, and the simple philosophy of a women in love with life. Two such dissimilar people

as Booth Tarkington and Amy Lowell have taken occasion to praise the work of this poet, which proves the universal appeal of these poems."

This book of verse, together with the many poems she has had published in various magazines and journals of poetry, and which have been reprinted in several anthologies, have brought her recognition in both the East and the West, and caused a critic writing for a great eastern paper to say, "Ethel Arnold Tilden will reward watching, for one who could write these poems will do other things of equal or greater merit."

Mrs. Tilden finds her recreation in gardening, motoring, and solitaire, and neighboring with the friends in the town in which she was born.

CHRISTMAS EVE

When I shall climb the hill tonight
Far out beyond the town,
I'll see a million window stars
Shine up as I look down.

I'll see a million stars of God
Shine in the sky above—
God's stars shine down—Earth's candle stars
Shine back in answering love.

I'll hear from all the valley spires,
The chimes of Christmas ring;
And children's carols rise to meet
The angels carolling.

Rapt, let me not forget, Lord God,
The huts below the hill,
Where squalor and grim hunger stalk,
While Christmas winds blow chill.

Upon this shining, singing night,
This night of Jesus' birth,
Touch every heart that men may bring
Thy kingdom yet to Earth.



SECOND POET LAUREATE
1934-1936

EDITH LOMBARD SQUIRES (MRS. WALTER)

Richmond, Sixth District

We present to the Club Woman family, Edith Lombard Squires, recently selected to be the Indiana Federation Poet Laureate for the next two years. Her delightful verse has been broadcast at home and abroad through such publications as "Good Housekeeping," "Ladies Home Journal," "Literary Digest," "Christian Science Monitor," "Poet Lore," "St. Nicholas," "Poetry Review of England," various anthologies, etc. She also has had published two books of plays for children, in rhyme, several plays in blank verse, as well as prose plays.

Mrs. Squires resides at her country home, near Richmond, called "Four Winds," because it is on a hill with a wide view of the beautiful surrounding countryside. She is the mother of four sons and one daughter. She enjoys people thoroughly; loves the out-of-doors, to swim, walk, and garden; and writes poetry only as the spirit moves her—when in mood—not regularly or by routine.

She is a member of the Poetry Society of America, the Poetry Society of England, the Poetry Society of Indiana, the League of American Pen Women, the Order of Bookfellows, the Richmond Scribblers, the Richmond Woman's Club, the Richmond Garden Club, the Aftermath, the Magazine Club, and the Recreation Circle.

O SINGING FLAME!

Burn me with all the bitterness of drouth,
But in the burning let my spirit sing,
My words leave one last kiss on beauty's mouth,
My heart arise from darkness wondering.

Burn all the tinkling ardors that were mine—
No more remembered than the ferny bole
Fallen upon the earth's mysterious shrine,
To lie forgotten in the darkened coal.

Leave me the true, the imperishable fire
Than which all other flame is but a spark,
Then let me vanish like a lost desire—
I shall not fear to face the unknown dark.

O singing flame that burns my heart away,
Give me one song to live beyond today!



THIRD POET LAUREATE
1936-1938

NETTIE A. DOWNEY (MRS. O. H.)

South Bend, Thirteenth District

The true poet has an indescribable sensitiveness for glimpsing the sublime emotions unseen by those not so gifted, and is able to reveal this delicate feeling to us by rhythmic arrangement of expressive words. These qualifications were found in the editor of the Indiana Club Woman, Mrs. Nettie A. Downey, and Indiana women are proud to claim her as their poet laureate.

Throughout her entire life, Mrs. Downey has been associated with the printed word, either in editing and publishing of periodicals or in creative writing. Born in Churubusco, Indiana, of a newspaper family, Nettie Geiger was educated in the Churubusco and Fort Wayne schools. She received her A. B. degree from Indiana University where she was particularly interested in the poetry classes and in the course in Journalism. She was married to an editor, Omar H. Downey, and in his publication, "The Truth," Churubusco, she took an active interest.

As far back as the presidency of Mrs. Carolyn Fairbank, Mrs. Downey served the Indiana Federation as State Chairman of Press and Publicity and Indiana Editor for the GFWC Magazine. She also conducted a Federated column in the "Journal-Gazette," Fort Wayne.

In the following volumes you will find Mrs. Downey's poems: "Songs of the Open Road," "Olney Press," Illinois; "Indiana Poets," Harrison, New York; "American Voices," Avon House, New York; "Homespun," GFWC Anthology, American Book Company; Chicago Tribune's "A Line O'Type or Two," and many other poetry columns and magazines have printed her verses.

Mrs. Downey is affiliated with the following organizations: Methodist Episcopal Church; American Pen Women, Washington, D. C.; Daughters of the American Revolution; American Association of University Women; Charter Member of Epsilon Sigma Omicron and a Past National Secretary; a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority; and for many years a member of the Woman's Press Club of Indiana and a patron of the Hoosier Salon of Chicago. She is a Past President of the Mishawaka Women's Club and served on its Board of Directors for twelve years, also a Past President of the St. Joseph County Federation.

THESE THINGS I LIKE

I like a little country lane
With fields and fields of clover,
Crystaled with dew or misty rain
And a lanthorn moon swung over.

I like a wee brook-threaded glen
Where latticed sunbeams spill,
Dulcet with the song of wren
And roulades of whip-poor-will.

I like the everlasting hills
Sentineled by pilot star over pine,
With fretted streams and mountain rills—
Birthrights from hand Divine.

I like a little garden site
Where buds of dreams have play—
Approaches to the Infinite
Where shadows flee away.

I like a little village green
Where humankind has trod,
And anchorage of kirk is seen
Lifting index spire to God.

APPENDIX

Indiana Clubwomen Serving
The General Federation of Women's Clubs

OFFICERS

Vice President, 1890-1892, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis.

Honorary Vice President, 1906-1911, Mrs. Constance Owen Fauntleroy Runcie, New Harmony. (St. Joseph, Mo.)

First Vice President, 1924-1928, Honorary Vice President 1930, Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis.

To Mrs. Sewall was accorded the honor of being elected to the office of the very first First Vice President of the newly formed General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Mrs. Runcie was living in Missouri, 1906, when appointed Honorary Vice President. She was the seventh club woman to receive this honor, which was undoubtedly bestowed upon her because of her organization of the Minerva of New Harmony, which then was thought to be the oldest club in the United States.

In the "Indianapolis Star," Nov. 23, 1936, Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, Frankfort, (Editor of the Indiana Federation of Clubs' Department in that paper), writes of Mrs. White, as follows: "Mrs. Edward Franklin White—Peggy to her intimates and to the GFWC leaders with whom she served so many years—through the honors conferred upon her by the General Federation of Women's Clubs has brought honor to the Indiana Federation of Clubs.

"Mrs White is honorary Vice President of the GFWC. Her connection with that organization began at the Hot Springs Biennial in 1918, known as 'The War Convention.' Mrs. White served at the press table, reporting for the Indianapolis newspapers. She also was Chairman of the Political Science Committee. In that capacity she printed a pamphlet of general information on the countries at war, to be used as program material, and an elementary quiz that was in demand for several years, exhausting several editions.

"In 1920, at Des Moines, Mrs. White was made Chairman of the Legislative Committee. While acting in that capacity she inaugurated the policy of making the Legislative Chairman a member of the Resolutions Committee, ex-officio, and of requiring proposed legislation to be initiated and approved by the Department heads. For two years, as ranking Chairman of the Legislative Committee, she acted as Resolution Chairman at two Biennials and a Council.

"Mrs. White was elected First Vice President of GFWC without opposition at the Los Angeles Biennial in 1924, and re-elected in 1926. As First Vice President for four years, her duties were more arduous

than is usual with a Vice President of that organization. Her profession of attorney had something to do with this. She had charge of law observance, was legal adviser, and in that capacity was frequently called to Washington for week ends.

"The ill health of Mrs. John D. Sherman, President of GFWC, made it necessary for Mrs. White to substitute for her frequently, many times without warning. During her GFWC service she visited every State in the Union, spoke in 38 states, traveled an average of 20,000 miles annually and had 1,700 pictures taken.

"At one January Board Meeting the session was adjourned to go to the Capitol . . . to witness one of the greatest honors that has come to the Indiana Federation when Mrs. White was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States." (At the Biennial Convention in 1928 in San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. White was presented by the clubwomen of Indiana for the office of President of the General Federation, but was defeated.)

DIRECTORS ELECTED OR APPOINTED BY GFWC

- 1892-1893 Mrs. Donald Ketcham, Indianapolis. (Resigned May, 1893.)
 1898-1900 Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, Indianapolis.
 1906-1910 Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso.
 1912-1916 Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis.
 1916-1919 Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis.

DIRECTORS ELECTED AT STATE CONVENTIONS

- 1919-1922 Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus.
 1922-1924 Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis.
 1924-1926 Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville.
 1926-1927 Mrs. O. M. Pittinger, Indianapolis.
 1927-1929 Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary.
 1929-1931 Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes.
 1931-1933 Mrs. Edwin F. Miller, Peru.
 1933-1935 Mrs. Edwin N. Canine, Terre Haute.
 1935-1937 Mrs. Robert A. Hicks, Cambridge City.
 1937-1939 Mrs. Frederick G. Balz, Indianapolis.

GENERAL FEDERATION SECRETARIES SINCE 1906

- 1906-1907 Mrs. C. W. Boucher, Marion.
 1907-1908 Miss Sabra Ann Fralick, South Bend.
 1909-1910 Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville. (Resigned in August, Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, appointed.)
 1910-1912 Mrs. S. E. Perkins, Indianapolis.
 1912-1914 Mrs. Cragie Gunn Mitchell, Bedford.
 1915-1916 Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville.
 1917-1919 Mrs. Fred McCullough (Harper) Fort Wayne.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE WORKERS FROM 1907

- 1907-1908 Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso, Member Civil Service Committee.
Mrs. N. L. Agnew, Valparaiso, Member Forestry Committee.
Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, Member Legislative Committee.
Mrs. George C. Hitt, Indianapolis, Member Reciprocity Committee.
Mrs. E. E. Mummert, Goshen, Member Resolutions Committee.
- 1908-1909 Mrs. W. S. Major, Shelbyville, Vice Chairman Civics Committee.
Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, Chairman Home Economics Committee.
Mrs. George C. Hitt, Indianapolis, Member Biennial Committee.
Mrs. O. P. Kinsey, Valparaiso, Member Press Committee.
- 1909-1912 Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, Chairman Household Economics and Food Sanitation Committee.
- 1910-1912 Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond, Member Art Committee.
Mrs. George C. Hitt, Indianapolis, Member Resolutions Committee.
Mrs. Olaf N. Guldlin, Fort Wayne, Chairman Home Economics Department.
- 1912-1913 Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, Chairman Press Committee.
Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond, Chairman Art Committee.
Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Member Legislative Committee.
Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis, Member Music Committee.
Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville, Field Chairman for GFWC Endowment Fund.
- 1913-1914 Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, Chairman Press Committee.
Mrs. M. F. Johnson, Richmond, Chairman Art Committee.
Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Member Legislative Committee.

Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis, Member Music Committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville, Field Chairman for GFWC Endowment Fund.

1914-1915 Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, Chairman Press Committee.

Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond, Chairman Art Committee.

Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Chairman Shelter Department, Home Economics Committee.

Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis, Member Music Committee.

Mrs. Clark Fairbank, Fort Wayne, Member Conservation Committee.

1915-1916 Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke, Indianapolis, Chairman Press Committee and Member Program Committee.

Mrs. George M. Naylor, Fort Wayne, Indiana Chairman Press Committee.

Mrs. M. F. Johnston, Richmond, Chairman Art Committee.

Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Chairman Shelter Department, Home Economics Committee.

Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis, Member Music Committee.

Mrs. W. W. Reed, Warsaw, Member Conservation Committee.

Mrs. Carolyn R. Fairbank, Fort Wayne, Member Public Health Committee.

1916-1917 Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Member Art Committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Claypool Earl, Connersville, Member Relationship Committee.

Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Member Transportation Committee.

Mrs. Ida Gray Scott, Indianapolis, Member Club Development of Music Committee.

Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Chairman Shelter Department, Home Economics Committee.

1917-1920 Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Political Science Committee.

1920-1921 Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Department of Legislation.

Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman Committee on Fine Arts Exhibits—Prints, Art Division.

- Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Member Infant Welfare Advisory Committee, Division of Health.
- Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Chairman Transportation Committee and Indiana Representative on Home Demonstration Committee.
- 1921-1922 Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Department of Legislation.
- Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman Committee on Prints—Fine Arts Exhibits, Arts Division.
- Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Member Child Welfare Advisory Committee under Division Child Welfare.
- Mrs. A. W. Roach, Richmond, Representative on Industrial and Business Relations Committee.
- Mrs. Jacob P. Dunn, Indianapolis, Representative on Institutional Relations Committee.
- Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Chairman Transportation Committee and Indiana Representative on Home Demonstration Committee.
- 1922-1923 Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Department of Legislation.
- 1923-1924 Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman of Department of Legislation.
- Mrs. E. C. Rumppler, Indianapolis, Chairman of Membership Committee.
- Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Chairman Transportation Committee.
- Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Chairman Roads, Memorial Tree Planting and Lincoln Highway. (Gardens added in 1927.)
- Mrs. Albion Fellows Bacon, Evansville, Member Child Welfare Advisory Committee, Division Child Welfare Committee.
- Mrs. A. W. Roach, Richmond, Representative on Industrial and Business Relations Committee.
- Mrs. Jacob P. Dunn, Indianapolis, Representative on Institutional Relations Committee.
- Mrs. Blanche Foster Boruff, Bedford, Representative on Friendly Co-operation with Ex-Service Men Committee.
- Miss Rose W. Burmaster, Muncie, Indiana Chairman Illiteracy.
- Mrs. C. O. Fenton, Logansport, Indiana Chairman Division Quick News.

- 1923-1924 Mrs. Harry Matthews, South Bend, Indiana Chairman
Division Rural Education.
Mrs. John E. Moore, Kokomo, Indiana Chairman Inter-
National Relations.
- 1924-1925 Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman Division
Citizenship Training, American Citizenship Depart-
ment.
Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Adviser Committee on
Natural Scenery, Division Conservation Natural Re-
sources, Department Applied Education.
Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Chairman Committee
Highway and Memorial Tree Planting.
Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman Committee
on Education by Ownership, Division of Art, Fine
Arts Department.
Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Legal Ad-
viser.
Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Member Club Insti-
tutes Committee.
Mrs. Oscar M. Pittinger, Indianapolis, Member Biennial
Council Program and Arrangements Committee.
Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Adviser of
Biennial Council Program and Arrangements Com-
mittee.
Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville, Chairman Rules and
Procedure.
Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Vice Chairman
Credentials, Badges and Elections Committee.
Mrs. Guido H. Stempel, Bloomington, Member Creden-
tial, Badges and Elections Committee.
Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Member
Resolutions Committee.
- 1925-1926 Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman Division
Citizenship Training, American Citizenship Depart-
ment.
Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Adviser Committee Na-
tural Scenery, Division Conservation Natural Re-
sources, Department Applied Education.
Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Chairman Committee
Highways and Memorial Tree Planting.
Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman Committee
on Education by Ownership, Division of Art, De-
partment of Fine Arts.
Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Legal Ad-
viser.

- Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Member Club Institutes Committee.
- Mrs. Guido H. Stempel, Bloomington, Chairman Credentials, Badges, and Elections Committee and General Chairman Arrangements for Biennial Council.
- Mrs. W. J. Torrance, Evansville, Chairman Rules Committee.
- Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Member Resolutions Committee.
- 1926-1927 Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman Division Citizenship Training, Department American Citizenship.
- Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Division Law Observance, Department American Citizenship.
- Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Chairman Committee on Highways and Memorial Tree Planting, Division Conservation, Department Applied Education.
- Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman Committee on Ownership, Division of Art, Department Fine Arts.
- Mrs. Guido H. Stempel, Bloomington, Chairman Committee on Credentials, Badges and Elections.
- Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Chairman Extension Committee.
- Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Member Committee on Club Institutes.
- 1927-1928 Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman Division Citizenship Training, Department American Citizenship.
- Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Division Law Observance, Department American Citizenship.
- Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Chairman Committee on Highways and Memorial Tree Planting and Gardens, Division Conservation, Department Applied Education.
- Mrs. H. B. Burnet, Indianapolis, Chairman Committee on Ownership, Division Art, Department Fine Arts.
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- Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Chairman Extension Committee.
- Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Member Committee on Club Institutes.

- 1928-1929 Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Vice Chairman Fine Arts Department.
Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Revisions Committee.
Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Adviser Mental Hygiene Committee.
- 1929-1930 Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Vice Chairman Fine Arts Department.
Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Indianapolis, Chairman Revisions Committee.
Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Specialist in Mental Hygiene, Division Public Health.
- 1930-1931 Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Vice Chairman Fine Arts Department.
Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Chairman Library Extension Committee.
Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Specialist in Mental Hygiene, Division Public Health.
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- 1931-1932 Mrs. Hamet D. Hinkle, Vincennes, Vice Chairman Fine Arts Department.
Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Chairman Library Extension Committee.
Miss Vida Newsom, Columbus, Specialist in Mental Hygiene, Division Public Health.
Mrs. Wellman Bruner, Wabash, Chairman Marketing Committee, Rural Cooperation.
- 1932-1933 Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Trustee.
Mrs. E. C. Rumpler, Indianapolis, Chairman Law Observance Division, American Citizenship Department.
Mrs. Frank J. Sheehan, Gary, Chairman Library Extension Committee.
Mrs. Harriette K. Sparks, Frankfort, Chairman Division Program Building, Press and Publicity Department.
- 1933-1934 Mrs. Felix T. McWhirter, Indianapolis, Trustee.
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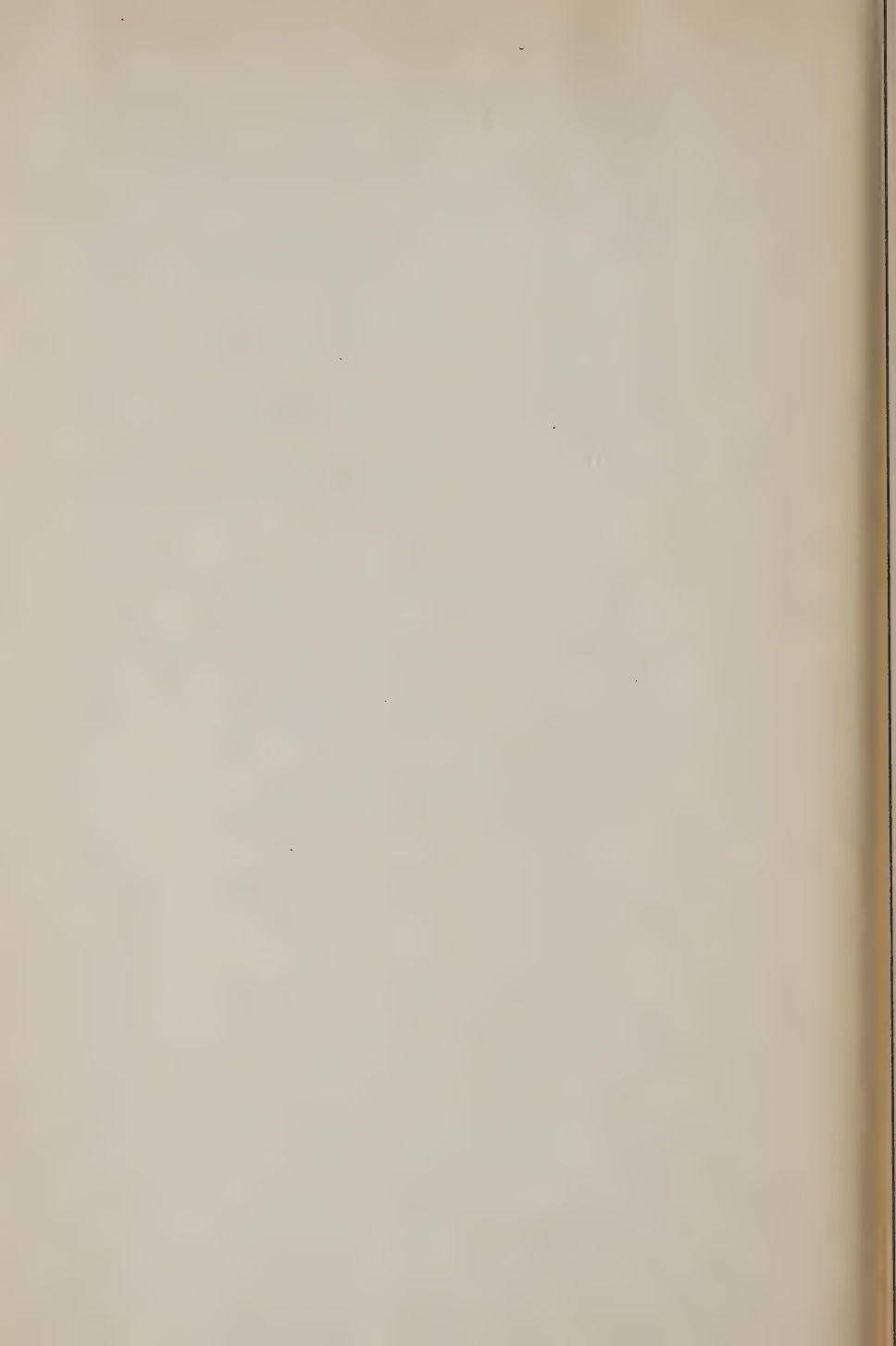
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